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Cohasset is all gassed up

Town nears top of list for leaks

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset tops the list in many areas including its spectacular ocean vistas, pristine town common, excellent schools, lots of parkland and more.

The town is also near the top of the list for something it probably is not going to crow about: active gas leaks.

In fact, Cohasset easily outpaces many other municipalities for active gas

"Just drive around town and you can smell gas depending on where you are."

State Rep. Garrett Bradley

leaks. According to Home Energy Efficiency Team, dubbed HEET, a Massachusetts-based nonprofit organization, as of last winter, Cohasset had 205 active gas leaks – making it the third leakiest town in the state per linear mile of street at that time. (The current number from National Grid for Cohasset is 155

active gas leaks).

By comparison Norwell had 15 unreported gas leaks; Scituate, 23; Hanover, 29 and Hull, 54. Hingham came close to Cohasset with 199 and ranked as the 25th leakiest. Weymouth with 657 leaks per linear mile of street is the leakiest municipality in the state followed by Brookline at number

two, according to HEET.

If a Wayland man has his way then Cohasset selectmen will pass a resolution supporting two bills before the state Legislature that would energize utilities to repair the gas leaks. The bills would reduce the amount of wasted gas the utilities can include in their rates; at the end of five years that would be zero. The legislation would also require the utilities to fix all gas leaks while streets are open for other road projects rather than only fix leaks considered potentially explosive.

G. Lee Humphrey of Wayland, who volunteered to help HEET get the word out after attending a Boston City Council hearing that included testimony on the issue, explained in a recent letter to Selectmen Chairman Steve Gaumer, that last March each Massachusetts utility filed a report listing the addresses of active gas leaks along public streets in its territory with the Department of Public Utilities. Using this data, HEET created maps showing the active gas leaks for every

SEE LEAKS, A13

SANTA EXPRESS



Santa gives his reindeer a break, while he waves to children as he says goodbye from a 1924 Ford Model T driven by Phil Lehr during the annual Village Fair on Saturday, Dec. 5. For more photos of the annual fair, see page A4. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO / ROBIN CHAN

EAGLE SCOUT

Not on the fence about Harbor project

By Amanda C. Thompson
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If your kids didn't take a 20-foot tumble off the harbor seawall last summer, you may have Luke O'Brien to thank.

For his Eagle Scout project, O'Brien led Cohasset's Boy Scouts in the construction of a new fence along the seawall. O'Brien said that Harbor-master Lorri Gibbons had asked for a new barrier to be built because the existing chain link fence had gotten too old and needed to be taken down. Plus, aesthetically, it was never a great fit for the harbor.

O'Brien's new fence, constructed over the months of May and June, comprises thick wood pilings driven deep into the ground, connected by nautical-style rope. It was

It was a real team project that brought in 15 members of the troop plus friends and family.

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The board of selectmen and the conservation commission each had to give the project their approval – the selectmen because it was on town property, and conservation because it was so close to the water. Both committees gave it their full support, feeling that the new fence would be an improvement.



Luke O'Brien, 17, of Troop 28 sits at the picnic table which is part of his Eagle Scout project that was done to help beautify the area by the harbor-master's office. The project includes the bench, the picnic table, and the fence that lines the coast. The rope used in the fence is 200 feet long and originated from the USS Constitution. The project took a total of 120 volunteer hours and 15 Scouts helped. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO / ROBIN CHAN

O'Brien had his Eagle Board of Review on Monday, Dec. 7th, and has now joined the ranks of the ever-growing group of young men receiving the honor this season.

Like those who went before him, O'Brien gives credit, at least in part, to troop solidarity. "My friends all pushed

SEE HARBOR, A12

FINANCES

No split

Town sticks with uniform tax rate

By Mary Ford
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It came as no surprise Tuesday that the Board of Selectmen voted once again to adopt a uniform tax rate for commercial and residential properties in Cohasset.

Director of Assessing Mary Quill explained that Cohasset has a small commercial base with only 406 parcels – as compared to 3,018 residential properties – so a switch to a split tax rate would put a huge burden on the commercial property owners.

Municipalities do not generally split their tax rate unless the combined valuation of commercial, industrial and personal property taxes equals about 25 percent or more of the total valuation of the town. In Cohasset, residential properties account for nearly 93 percent of the total.

The tax rate is increasing from \$12.71 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to \$12.88. The tax rate could change slightly after the Department of Revenue reviews the town's financial reports, Quill said.

The average single-family property valued at \$874,400 generated property tax of \$11,113 for fiscal 2015. That property is now valued at \$891,500 and will generate property tax of \$11,482 for fiscal 2016, which started July 1, 2015.

Under a 36-year-old state law, dubbed Proposition

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Legal Briefs

by Kevin Phillips
Attorney at Law

SPECIAL OPINIONS

While the testimony of ordinary witnesses is limited to the facts that they have observed, "expert witnesses" are permitted to offer their opinions on the meanings of facts. This special status is allowed because expert witnesses are deemed to have specialized knowledge. For instance, expert witnesses such as actuaries may be called upon during divorce trials to testify about the value of spouses' pension plans for the purpose of dividing them up equitably. Appraisers may also be called upon to testify about property values when the parties in a divorce case cannot agree. Expert witnesses are but one of the resources that lawyers may have to rely upon to pursue the best interests of their clients.

P.S. Generally speaking, experts may testify about their conclusions in a case as long as their analyses are scientifically sound.

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PICTURE THIS

Kacey Semchenko

Name: Kacey Semchenko.

Occupation: Occupational Therapist at Deer Hill School.

Best day of your life: When I got married.

Best vacation: Honeymoon to Costa Rica — zip lining, horseback riding, surfing.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite food: Lobster.

Best book: "The Help," by Kathryn Stockett.

Best movie: "Elf" with Will Ferrell.

Best TV show: Anything on HGTV!

Best music, group or artist: The Band.

Pet peeve: When the bed is not made and dirty laundry is on the floor.

Person you would most like to meet: My grandfather who passed away before I was born.

Goal: To be the best mom, wife, and Occupational Therapist that I can be.

Biggest worry: Flooding.

Best part of Cohasset: The schools!



The Mariner caught up with Kacey Semchenko, occupational therapist at Deer Hill School; if you see Mrs. Semchenko around town, be sure to tell her that you saw her in Picture This. COURTESY PHOTO

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Cohasset Village Fair

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COHASSET ELDER AFFAIRS

Senior Center is on the move

All seminars and events are at Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St. Call to reserve your spot for all programs.

■ We are on the move. As of Monday, Dec. 14, Cohasset Elder Affairs will take up residence at the new senior center, Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St. All events and activities will be held at the new location. Stop by for a tour.

■ Wednesday, Dec. 16, at noon, Elder Affairs Christmas Lunch with entertainment provided by the Osgood School chorus as well as a special entertainer. Cost: \$5. Reservations will not be accepted after Dec. 11.

■ **Senior Stretch and Strengthening.** Thursdays, 10 a.m. If you would like to build muscle strength and endurance, this program is designed for you. Improve or maintain muscle flexibility and strengthen your posture and postural awareness, and maintain balance. The class is led by an exercise physiologist. At 91 Sohier St.

■ Friday, Dec. 11, 1:30 p.m., **Trip to La Salette Shrine.** Enjoy Father Pat's concert and take a trolley through the grounds to see the Christmas lights. \$15 includes transportation to Attleboro, trolley ride and donation to the venue.

■ Wednesday, Dec. 16, noon, **Elder Affairs Christmas Lunch** with entertainment provided by the Cohasset High School band and chorus. \$5. Reservations cannot be accepted after Dec. 11.

■ Thursday, Dec. 17, noon, **Deer Hill School students** join us for lunch and entertain

us with their talents. \$3. Let us know you will be attending.

■ Thursday, Dec. 17, at noon, Deer Hill School students join for lunch and entertain with their talents. Cost: \$3. RSVP required.

■ **Holiday Schedule:** No lunch will be served and Cohasset Elder Affairs will close at 1 p.m. Dec. 24 and will open again on Dec. 28. The office will also be closed on Jan. 1. No transportation will be available on days the office is not open.

Ongoing programs

■ **Reiki.** Dec. 16. Fifteen-minute treatments to help heal and reduce stress. By appointment, 1-2:30. Cost: \$3.

■ **Lunches.** Tuesday-Thursday, noon. Meals provided by local restaurants and talented Cohasset cooks. Reservations requested no later than 24 hours in advance. Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St. Voluntary donation, \$3.00.

■ **Line dancing.** Tuesdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Beginner to beginner plus. Helps posture and balance, improves memory skills and confidence. Drop-ins welcome. At 91 Sohier Street, \$5.

■ **Veterans services hours.** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m., Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St.

■ **Gentle Yoga.** Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wear comfortable clothing. Bring a mat. At Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St. \$5.

■ **Yoga/Meditation.** Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. Eclectic.

fusion, beginner-friendly yoga class offering a variety of combinations to help you on your path to mindfulness and calm. Drop-in class, \$5.

■ **Sit to get Fit:** Thursdays, 10 a.m. Improve upper and lower body strength, flexibility and coordination from the comfort of your chair. \$5.

■ **Book Club.** First Thursday of the month, 1 p.m., Willcutt Commons, at Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St. November Book, Good Harbor, by Anita Diamont.

■ **Knitting:** Drop in. Learners welcome. Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m. \$3 at 3 N. Main St.

■ **Transportation:** Door-to-door van service to the following: (For out-of-town trips, a voluntary donation of \$5 is requested).

■ **Medical appointments** within a 15-mile radius of Cohasset.

■ **Around Town** Route 3A, Mondays, 1-3 p.m.

■ **Shaws,** Tuesdays, 1 p.m.

■ **Cohasset Train Station,** Wednesdays: 9:04 a.m. train inbound. 3:08 p.m. outbound.

■ **Around Town (downtown Cohasset),** Thursdays: 9:30 a.m.

■ **Stop and Shop,** Fridays: 9:30 a.m.

■ **Walmart/Hanover Mall,** NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGE: Second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

■ **Trader Joes/Marshalls,** second Friday of the month: 9:30 a.m.

■ **Derby Street Shoppes,** third Friday of the month: 9:30 a.m., return 11:30 a.m.

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South Shore Tide Chart

COHASSET HARBOR (WHITE HEAD)

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		AM	HGT.	PM	HGT.	AM	HGT.	PM	HGT.		
Thursday	10	10:13	9.4	10:47	8.5	3:53	0.8	4:27	-0.1	7:00	4:10
Friday	11	10:53	9.6	11:28	8.6	4:35	0.6	5:09	-0.3	7:01	4:10
Saturday	12	11:34	9.8			5:17	0.5	5:50	-0.5	7:02	4:10
Sunday	13	12:09	8.7	12:15	9.9	6:00	0.4	6:33	-0.6	7:03	4:11
Monday	14	12:52	8.8	12:59	9.9	6:44	0.3	7:17	-0.7	7:04	4:11
Tuesday	15	1:36	8.9	1:45	9.8	7:31	0.3	8:04	-0.6	7:04	4:11
Wednesday	16	2:23	8.9	2:35	9.6	8:21	0.3	8:53	-0.5	7:05	4:11
Thursday	17	3:14	9.1	3:30	9.4	9:16	0.3	9:45	-0.4	7:06	4:12

Please be aware that all tide charts are really just predictions and assume average weather conditions. Usually, onshore winds or low barometric pressure will produce higher tides than predicted and vice-versa.

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POLICE BEAT

Hot coffee cup results in truck into woods

By Mary Ford
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MVC

Police said the 71-year-old Weymouth man driving a 2006 Ford Ranger pickup truck told them he was attempting to put a cup of hot coffee in the cup holder when he veered off the road and into Great Swamp off North Main Street near the train station on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 1, around 2:50 p.m.

The Allied Auto Parts truck was transporting some auto parts and was headed south, toward the village, when the mishap occurred. The truck veered off the road, striking two cement pilings, hit a tree and traveled about 10 feet into the swamp.

The driver was not injured but was cited for failure to stay in marked lanes; he will also be responsible for the damaged pilings. The vehicle was towed.

MVC

A 43-year-old Hanson woman in a 2010 Nissan sedan was cited for failure to yield after she pulled out of the small business complex off Chief Justice Cushing Highway (across from Hingham Lumber) to head south into the path of an oncoming 2006 Ford Econovan, police said. The crash occurred on Wednesday, Dec. 2, around 10 a.m.

The Nissan hit the van, operated by a 41-year-old man from Lawrence. There were no injuries and both vehicles were drivable, police said.

MV vs. Deer

A 2004 Toyota Camry, operated by a 23-year-old Boston woman, struck a deer on Chief Justice Cushing Highway by Red Fox Lane at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4.

Police said the Toyota was headed south went a deer darted out from the west side of the highway; the deer that ran off damaged the center of the car's hood and front fender. The car was drivable; there was no sign of the deer, police said.

Suspicious letter

A 53-year-old Cohasset man reported to police that he received an anonymous, threatening letter along with the contents of his wallet that he had lost on Nov. 28. The wallet and contents were later returned accompanied by the letter and he wanted the incident documented.

Larceny

The project manager for the contractor doing harbor dredging work reported to police on Saturday morning, Dec. 5, that overnight someone entered the job site at Sandy Beach, removed temporary fencing and made off with nylon lifting straps, valued at \$75, and steel chain, valued at \$90.

MVC

Police said a 2012 Ford Fusion, operated by a 22-year-old Scituate woman, that was headed north on Route 3A approaching Pond Street drove into the rear of a 2014 Toyota Avalon that had stopped at the red light at

10:45 a.m., on Saturday, Dec. 5. The Avalon was operated by a 68-year-old Scituate woman. There was heavy damage to both cars, which were towed, but no reported injuries. The driver of the Fusion was cited for following too closely on a state highway and for not having a license in her possession, police said.

MV stop/tow

An officer on patrol ran a computer check on the 1999 Dodge pickup truck in front of him on Beechwood Street on Saturday, Dec. 5, around 2:40 p.m. that showed the registered owner, a 25-year-old Scituate man, had a suspended license. The officer stopped the vehicle. The Scituate man is being summonsed to court for operating with a suspended license and for not having an inspection sticker. The truck was towed. The man's license had been suspended due to nonpayment of a ticket, police said.

MVC

A 62-year-old Cohasset man was cited for a red light violation after an accident on Saturday, Dec. 5, around 5 p.m. at the intersection of Beechwood Street and Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

Police said the 2015 Toyota Highlander he was driving was headed north on 3A when it struck a 2003 GMC pickup truck that was traveling east on Beechwood Street across the highway on the green light. There were no reported injuries and neither vehicle was towed, police said.

UPDATE



When Cohasset officers arrived, they found both the north and south lanes of 3A blocked by wrecked vehicles. COURTESY PHOTOS

Loose trailer likely caused vehicle crash

At 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 8, Cohasset police responded to Route 3A near Red Fox Lane for a reported motor vehicle crash involving a school bus and a pick-up truck. While police were en route to the scene, numerous 9-1-1 callers reported that the pick-up truck had been towing a utility trailer with a minivan on it, and the trailer had broken loose from the pick-up truck, and hit the school bus, police said.

When officers arrived, they found both the north and south lanes of 3A blocked by wrecked vehicles. The operator of the school bus, who is 49-years-of-age and from South Attleborough, reported that he worked for the Norfolk County Agricultural School, and was transporting a single student home to Scituate when the crash occurred. He said that he was traveling south on 3A and felt a massive impact. The 16-year-old boy on the bus was uninjured, police said.

Officers then talked to the driver of the 2011 Ford pickup truck that was dragging the trailer and minivan. He is identified as a 57-year-old Brockton man and was uninjured as well. He stated



Cohasset Police Officer Chris Dias inspects the minivan that was on the utility trailer.

that he transports cars for a living, and had just loaded the minivan onto his trailer at a Cohasset car sales center. He said that he started to drive north on 3A and felt the trailer begin to shake uncontrollably. When he attempted to pull over, something came loose and the crash occurred.

Three vehicles and a utility trailer were towed from the scene: a 2011 Ford Pickup - moderate damage; 2016 Freightliner school bus - totaled; a utility trailer - totaled; and at 2014 Dodge minivan (was being towed on top of trailer) - totaled.

The crash remains under investigation and no charges have been filed yet, police said. Route 3A had to be closed in both directions for approximately 2-1/2 hours, while the crash was investigated and the

The operator of the school bus reported he worked for the Norfolk County Agricultural School, and was transporting a student home to Scituate when the crash occurred.

debris cleared from the roadway.

"This crash had all of the ingredients for a tragedy. Thankfully we are just dealing major property damage as opposed to loss of life," Cohasset Chief William Quigley said.

NOTICE

Protect your holiday packages

With the holidays quickly approaching and residents continuing their online shopping, Detective Lt. Gregory Lennon and the Cohasset Police Department are encouraging residents to use caution when scheduling deliveries in order to prevent unwanted packages from being stolen.

FedEx and UPS offer services to assist customers. To ensure packages are not stolen, consider requesting a signature on deliveries, especially those of high value, so they are not left unattended. Also

give specific instructions on where to leave a package so it is not left in a visible spot. Signing up for an email alert that will notify when a delivery is set to arrive.

Choosing an alternative destination is also a good idea, either at work or at a family member's, friend's or neighbor's house where someone will be home to receive the delivery.

Re-directing packages, even if they're already on their way, is also an option. Send them to the closest FedEx or UPS office, or another secure location. Purchasers can also set up

a vacation hold if they will be away during the holidays so gifts will not be delivered to an empty house.

If residents think they have been stolen from, immediately call the Cohasset Police Department at 781-383-1212. Unfortunately, if the item was not insured, the chances of receiving it back are slim.

Residents should never accept a surprise package or gift where a payment is required. Additionally, do not give out any personal information when retrieving a delivery if you initiated the purchase.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS

Need to file mortgage discharges

Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell reminds consumers about the importance of filing a mortgage discharge in a timely manner after a mortgage has been paid off.

The Register said, "When a mortgage is paid off, a mortgage discharge document needs to be recorded with the Registry of Deeds to clear a homeowner's property title. A discharge is a document (typically one page) issued by the lender, usually with a title such as Discharge of Mortgage or Satisfaction of Mortgage."

"Discharges are sometimes filed directly by banks or settlement attorneys with the Registry as part of a property sale or as a result of a refinancing transaction. In other cases, the mortgage discharge is sent to the property owner

who is then responsible for making sure the document is recorded at the Registry."

The Register further mentioned that there have been cases where no discharge has been recorded against a long paid off mortgage. Unfortunately, many of the lending institutions that provided funds for these mortgages in the first place are no longer in existence, in most cases these financial entities have merged with another lending institution. You cannot sell your property without having all mortgage discharges recorded.

If a property owner needs to retrieve an original discharge of a mortgage and is unclear which lending institution is now responsible for providing the document, an option is to contact the Massachusetts Division of

Banks at 800-495-2265. This government agency can assist the consumer in tracking down contact information for the lending institution.

When recording a discharge, the original document is required. The Registry of Deeds does not accept photocopies or faxed copies of documents. The filing fee, set by state statute, is \$76.

To learn more about these and other Registry of Deeds events and initiatives, like the Registry at facebook.com/NorfolkDeeds or follow on twitter.com/NorfolkDeeds. Norfolk County Registry of Deeds is at 649 High St., Dedham. Residents in need of assistance can call the Customer Service Department at 781-461-6101, or visit: norfolkdeeds.org.

NORFOLK COUNTY

State police sobriety checkpoint

Colonel Richard D. McKeon, superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police, recently announced that a sobriety checkpoint will be implemented by the Massachusetts State Police on a public way in Norfolk County between Dec. 11-12.

The purpose is to further educate the motoring public and strengthen the public's awareness to the need of detecting and removing those motorists who operate under the influence of alcohol or drugs from the roadways.

It will be operated during varied hours, the selection of vehicles will not be arbitrary, safety will be assured, and any inconveniences to motorists will be minimized with advance notice to reduce fear and anxiety.

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TOWN TRADITION

Village Fair

Staff photos by Robin Chan



Katina Belezos of the Nativity Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church cuts a tray of spanakopita while helping out.



Jim Mitterando of Cohasset admires a Ford Model T from 1924 with his son, Dave, 12, during the Village Fair.



Ed Mosher, a parishioner at St. Stephen's, helps organize the books at their book fair.



Senior Christian Tabb, 18, holds up wreaths while helping out with the Cohasset Metco Wreath Sale at Second Congregational Church.



Ayla Duncanson, 9, is in the holiday spirit with her antlers while helping out at Second Congregational Church.



Levi Carpenter, 4, adds the "I" to his gingerbread man while making Christmas decorations in the Kids Corner at Second Congregational Church.



Ellie DiTolla, 4, gets her present wrapped while Ayla Duncanson, 9, and Andrew Staley look on at the ASP's Secret Santa Room.



Emily Gowell, 15, helps her brother, Hayden, 10, find presents for their family at the ASP's Secret Santa Room.



Delaney Lafond, 4, tells Santa what she wants for Christmas.



Diana Howe, 8, carefully decorates her Christmas craft in the Kids Corner at Second Congregational Church.



Morgan Fechter, 18, helps Sophia Ashley, 6, select gifts inside the ASP's Secret Santa room.



Fran Collins of Cohasset plays Christmas music on his button accordion while bringing holiday cheer to the Cohasset Historical Commission's table.

5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

1. HOLIDAY OF LIGHTS:

Saturday, Dec. 12th. The spirit of the season will sweep the Village from 4 to 7 p.m. during the annual Holiday of Lights, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Village trees will be lit up with holiday lights, and the streets will be lined with luminaries in Mason jars. An a cappella group will be roaming the streets, singing carols. Businesses will provide special activities and refreshments, and an outdoor marketplace will include tables for 3A vendors.



Cohasset Village was aglow with luminaries, and Christmas lights during the Holiday of Lights last December. Don't miss this year's event on Saturday. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

2. ART CENTER OPEN HOUSE:

While you're in town, swing by the Art Center for the Holiday Stroll Open House from 4 to 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12. There will be music and craft activities, including an Origami ornament workshop. Small works by gallery artists will be on display and priced for holiday giving.

3. SAILING CLUB:

Open house and artist showcase: From 6 to 9 p.m., Friday, Dec. 11th and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12th. Artist Michael Coyne and photographer Mike Sleeper will showcase their work against the beautiful backdrop of the brand new Sailing Club. The Friday night reception will feature Norwell High School singer/songwriter Carolyn Flaherty performing from 6 to 9 p.m.

4. LOBSTER TRAP:

Lobster Trap Tree Lighting: 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 13th, at the harbor. This year's tree will be constructed, per tradition, on the Salt House patio next to the Atlantica restaurant. The massive tree comprises 400-plus traps, over 1,000 white lights and buoy "ornaments", and a four-foot nativity star. Come a little early to stake out a good spot and enjoy hot chocolate and mulled apple cider courtesy of Atlantica. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in attendance while holiday music plays.

5. CHRISTMAS IN OLD NEW ENGLAND:

Broad Cove Chorale and the Unicorn Singers will present Christmas in Old New England: Forbidden and Revived which will offer an

entertaining account of the Puritan effort to suppress the holiday and how our immigrant ancestors helped to revive it on Dec. 13 at 4 p.m. at First Parish Church on the common. Proceeds support Wellspring Multi-Service Center's Diane Edson Fund. Tickets are \$20. Those who would like to donate an extra amount

HOLIDAY POPS

Rusty Skippers at Willcutt Commons

The Rusty Skippers, Cohasset's own community concert band, will be performing their annual Holiday Pops Concert at Cohasset's Willcutt Commons (19 Sohier St.) on Saturday, Dec. 19 at 3 p.m. The Skippers will be playing a variety of Christmas pieces including several new pieces and two sing-alongs.

The concert is free and appropriate for all ages. If you have not yet seen Cohasset's gem, Willcutt Commons, here is a good opportunity. And you will not want to miss hearing the Skippers this season!

The Rusty Skippers Band numbers about 40 musicians from 10 different towns around the South Shore. The Rusty Skippers were formed in 1995 as part of the Cohasset Harborfest at the enthusiastic suggestion of the late Rev. Ed Atkinson of First Parish in Cohasset. Since then, the Band's repertoire has expanded hugely as have the venues where the band plays.

After the December concert schedule is completed, the Band will reconvene in March to prepare selections for appearances including the South Shore Festival of the Arts, Cohasset Memorial Day Parade and various concert series. The Rusty Skippers play under the direction of Steve Biagini, the instrumental music teacher at

Deer Hill School.

The Rusty Skippers Band has openings in some instrumental sections. If you are interested in joining or booking the band, please contact Steve Biagini StevenB903@aol.com (617) 755-7474.

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AROUND TOWN

Time to 'pay it forward'

Helping out

Hey Cohasset. I hope that everyone is doing well this week and looking forward to more great weather this weekend.

Happy Hanukkah for those who are celebrating. I hope that the week has been all that it should be for you. I also know that requests from churches, organizations and area programs have been pouring in for donations and it is so difficult to know how to help everyone.

For me, I think it all comes down to what you are comfortable with. I choose to make a "Holiday Pay It Forward" each day, no matter how big or how small.

The other day I had a blast with a Mom and two little monkeys (baby and 2-year-old) who needed help getting to the car due to a potty accident, screaming baby and a broken pocketbook strap. We got to the car, got all cleaned up, kids strapped in and talked, laughed and were on our way. Here are some suggestions: offer a cup of coffee, a toy for a youngster, maybe a tank of gas when someone least expects it or...just a talk.

One thing I do also every year is sponsor three families in need that are local and I have two more that just came forward from Cohasset and Hingham.

Email for more info if you would like to help some sweet kiddos and



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

families with definite needs this Christmas.

CHS honors

Hats off to the following Cohasset High School grade 12 students who earned First Honors for Term I. Due to a production error, their names were inadvertently left off the honor roll published in last week's Mariner. Congratulations to **Madison Jones, Sean Mavilia, Caelin McDonald, Luke Norton, Luke O'Brien, and Maxwell Whetstone!** Keep up the great work!

Concert

Save the date: the Social Service League of Cohasset invites you to join the 2nd annual Rusty Skippers Christmas Concert on Saturday, Dec 19th at 3 p.m. at Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohler St. It is a wonderful way to boost your holiday spirit by listening to the Skippers and also to see the new Senior Center!

Secret Santa

Here is a message from the Rev. Margot Critchfield of St. Stephen's: "Help! During the Village Fair

on Saturday a little boy named **Toby** came to the ASP Secret Room at St. Stephen's and bought, wrapped, and carefully labeled presents for his mom, dad, and 'Levi' -- then left the presents here! We're trying to get word to his family so they can come pick up the presents he so thoughtfully got them! If you know Toby or his family, please let them know! Thank you"

Five Things

Check out Five Things To Do on page A5 in this week's edition for details about the **Holiday of Lights** in the Village, **Lobster Trap Tree** Lighting and more!

— Please send in all your news, photos and celebration info to me no later than Tuesdays by 2 pm. Just an FYI. We receive dean's list and honors notices from many colleges and private schools, but not all. If your son or daughter has earned recognition, please share that news directly with us! We also LOVE new baby announcements with photos if possible. Need birth date, weight, length, names of siblings, parents and grandparents. Emailed photos are fine but glossies can be dropped off at Tedeschi's in the village in our Mariner drop box. EMAIL: aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com

DOG TALES

Roscoe wants to play fetch

My name is Roscoe and my old owner messed up. He moved and discovered he didn't have room for me at his new digs. So now I'm ready to come home with you.

I'm a 6-year old yellow lab and, yes, I'm house trained. I get along with dogs just fine and cats don't bother me at all. In fact, I'm kind of curious about them. Yes, I'm more the offensive line type and therefore I may be a bit strong for young kids to handle.

I like a lot of activity and I like to jump. You throw the ball, and I will go get it. Often. Watch me smile if you scratch my back. C'mon, everybody loves



Roscoe is ready for a new home! How about it? COURTESY PHOTO

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— As told to Bob Ryan, Boston Globe columnist emeritus and ESPN and Comcast personality.

ENROLLMENT

New toddler program offered

A new toddler program will offer morning and evening classes for children who are turning 2 by Sept. 1, 2016 at the South Shore Community Center, 3 N. Main St. Contact Ann

Madden, nursery school director for a tour of the school.

Registration is currently available for siblings. Open enrollment begins Dec. 7 in the nursery school office.

Enrollment for the toddler program is on a first-come, first-placed basis. For information: Ann Madden at 781-383-0036 or at amadden@southshorecommunitycenter.com.

ASSESSORS

Real estate tax exemption applications

Cohasset Board of Assessors Office is accepting applications for fiscal 2016 real estate tax exemptions. The qualification date is July 1, 2015, for all statutory exemptions. The deadline for filing is March 31, 2016. If you have filed for exemption

since July 2015, it is not necessary to file again. The following exemptions are available:

Persons Over 70 Years of Age: \$2,000.00 off. Clause 41C – if annual income is less than \$20,000 (single person) or \$30,000 (married

couple), and the value of your assets, excluding your home, is less than \$40,000 (single person) or \$55,000 (married couple) and must own and occupy for previous 10 years.

Surviving Spouse: No age requirement. \$350 off. Clause 17D – also minors of deceased parents and persons older 70 years of age. There is no limit on income, but the value of your assets, excluding your home, must not exceed \$40,000 and must own and occupy for previous five years.

Disabled Veteran: \$800 off. Clause 22 – At least 10 percent disabled as determined by the Veterans Administration. Purple Heart Award recipients qualify, as well as Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, Navy Cross. Other exemptions are available for more seriously disabled veterans and paraplegic veterans. Veteran must have been a Massachusetts resident six months prior to enlisting or live in Massachusetts for five consecutive years.

Blind Person: \$875 off. Clause 37 – Must be registered with Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

Tax Deferral: All or part of the tax. Clause 41A – Applicant must be 65 years of age as of July 1, 2015, with income less than \$51,000 and must have resided in Massachusetts for the preceding 10 years. All or part of the tax may be deferred. (Effective 2007 the interest rate has been reduced to 4 percent.)

Exemption forms are available at the Assessors' Office in the Town Hall, Floor 2B. For more information, call the Assessors' Office at 781-383-4114, ext. 124.

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Wednesday, December 30 • 6 p.m.

Spousal Support Group
Wednesday, December 730 • 6 p.m.

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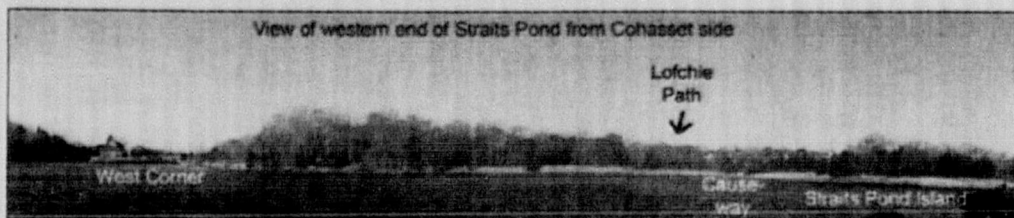
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HOW TO HELP



Ducks and swans on Straits Pond. COURTESY PHOTOS



View from Cohasset side.

Waterfowl Viewing Park at Straits Pond

By Judeth Van Hamm
Special to the Mariner

The kiosks at the West Corner and Black Rock ends of Straits Pond, created as Cohasset Eagle Scout projects, tell the story of an effort begun over 100 years ago to make the 94-acre Straits Pond a great place for birds, fish, and people.

The new West Corner tide gates, dedicated along with the new bridge in 2010, have resulted in the largest saltwater pond restoration in Massachusetts.

Ninety species of birds have been documented in and around the pond. Saltwater fish and clams are returning to the Pond. The Straits Pond Waterfowl Viewing Park with viewing spots along the trail is being created to give people an opportunity to enjoy the restored Pond.

Your help is requested to establish the Lofchie Path, a key link for the Park. Please go to: straitspond.org for more information and how to donate.

The Lofchie Path includes a 15,500 square foot conservation restriction area with right of access along a path. It will have parking for bicycles and perhaps two cars, depending on the turnaround design. Starting at a kiosk with a memorial brick

patio, the path will take you past 600-million-year-old puddingstone, dating from a time period that geologists call Snowball Earth. It will lead you to the Straits Pond Island causeway, one of the best places to see birds — on open water, rocks, salt marsh, and trees overhanging the water, with nesting and resting areas nearby.

The Lofchie Conservation Restriction area will also help protect wooded land along the Straits Pond shore and increase protection of the Straits Pond Island as a bird sanctuary.

The Weir River Estuary Park Committee, with members appointed by Hingham, Cohasset and Hull, has been working with the Lofchie family since 2003 to find a way to create a protected conservation area with a path.

Last July the Hull Land Conservation Trust applied to the Massachusetts Conservation Partnership program for a \$50,000 grant to be matched by a \$40,000 pledge from the Cohasset Conservation Trust and \$10,000 from the Hull Land Conservation Trust. The Partnership program has had a delay in announcing its grants, but has said that the competition is strong. So the Hull Land Conservation Trust

has begun additional fundraising in order to secure the Cohasset Conservation Trust match, which has a deadline of this grant cycle. There is \$28,000 to go.

Your donation of any amount is welcome. You can donate online at: straitspond.org or you can mail or drop off a donation to Hull Land Conservation Trust, 1 Hullportside Street, Hull, MA 02045. You may buy a memorial brick for the patio next to the Lofchie Path kiosk for \$100 or more. Request a brick brochure when you donate. Your donation is tax deductible. Brick certificates make wonderful gifts.

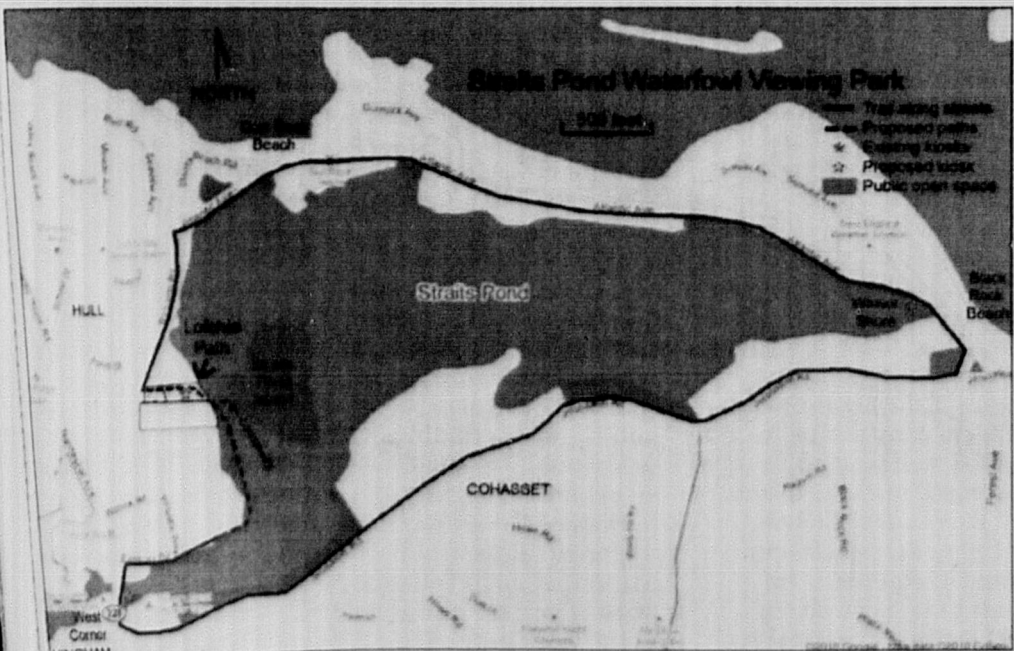
Watch the paper for Lofchie Path news. If we are fortunate to receive the state grant, your donation will go toward the improvements to construct the path.

The Hull Land Conservation Trust and its partner organizations wish to thank you for helping create the Lofchie Path for the Straits Pond Waterfowl Viewing Park. Thank you for adding to the love and joy in this time of year.

Judeth Van Hamm is vice president of the Hull Land Conservation Trust.



Puddingstone that dates back 600 million years.



Schematic of Straits Pond Waterfowl Viewing Park.

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WORLD TRAVELER



Raising the flags of the original 12 Antarctic Treaty signatory nations. The 12 flags are only flown during the Austral Summer when the sun does not set. COURTESY PHOTOS/SHAUN O'BOYLE

Antarctic adventure captured in photographs

By Emma Morris
Correspondent

By this time of year, most of us have pulled out our heavy winter coats, reluctantly switched on the heat, and have stocked up on enough wood to keep our fireplaces burning well through the winter ahead. Throughout the states, New England winters are known to be long, bitterly cold, and covered in at least 10 inches of snow.

Despite both the complaining and pride us New Englanders take in our winters, the dark months here are nothing compared to those in Antarctica. I recently talked with Shaun O'Boyle, a New Englander himself, who is currently working in Antarctica as part of the government-sponsored United States Antarctic Program.

Aware of my great interest in travel, CHS teacher Mr. Sears was the one who told me about his close friend Shaun O'Boyle. Sears and O'Boyle grew up together as close friends in a small town in western Massachusetts, yet both ended up traveling to exotic places around the globe, still remaining to be good friends today.

The U.S. Antarctic Program was founded to expand knowledge and foster research of this icy continent. The program's headquarters are at McMurdo Station, where supplies and scientists arrive from around the world and either stay to work there or pass through on their way to another U.S. station farther down the continent. Currently, there are over a thousand Americans working with this program, from geologists studying glaciers and the Erebus Volcano, to deep-sea divers exploring the ocean floor and life forms, to engineers working on the prototype of an underwater robot that will be sent to Jupiter's moon Europa in the future.

Within the wide array of those chosen to participate is Shaun O'Boyle, a designer at an architect office in Dalton, Mass., who had the unique opportunity to be accepted into the National Science Foundation's Antarctic Artists and Writers Program and sent to Antarctica as a photographer.

Once he was chosen as a participant, O'Boyle still had a long way to go to reach McMurdo. O'Boyle

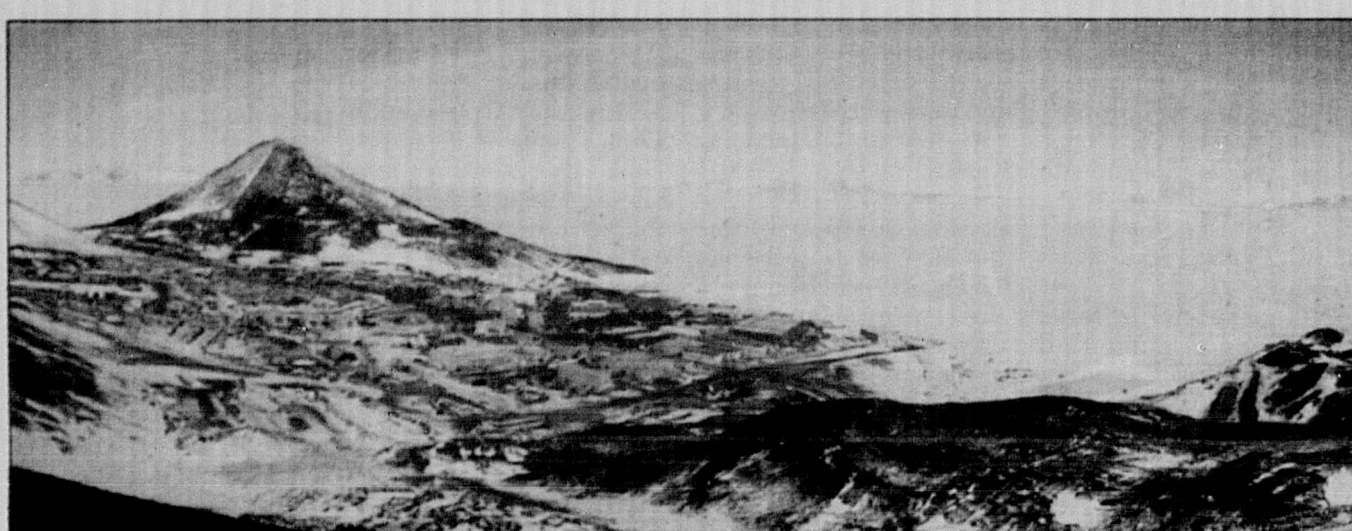
Antarctica's summers are definitely not what comes to mind when we think of summer. During the continent's "warm" months, temperatures range from around 0 to 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

flew from Albany, N.Y. to L.A. to Sydney, Australia to Christchurch, New Zealand to McMurdo Station in Antarctica. The air mileage alone sums to about 14,000 miles, and that's not to mention the helicopters, snowmobiles, and pistenbullies (kind of like a giant snow plow) used to get around during research! O'Boyle is currently photographing much of the architecture and other structures that have been established as part of past research and expeditions; he left in October and will return in late December.

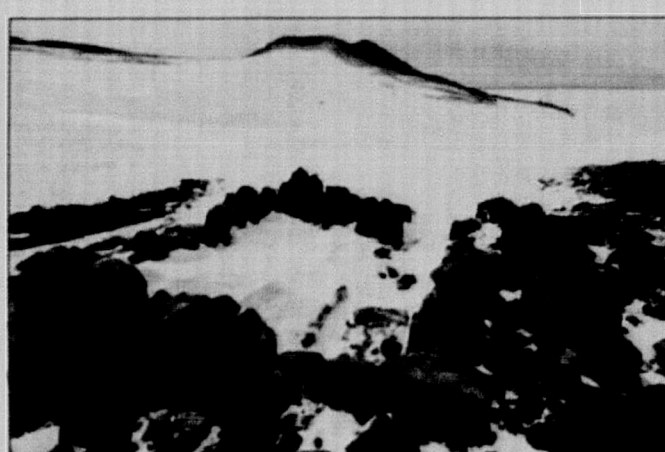
Day to day, O'Boyle ventures to different places around Antarctica, photographing the landscape, animals, and buildings around him to bring back to the lab. Out of the many places O'Boyle has experienced, Cape Crozier, the most easterly point of Ross Island, was one that I found very cool.

When O'Boyle went here, he visited Wilson's Igloo, an igloo built by explorers during the 1911 Worst Journey in the World expedition. The purpose of this expedition was to collect Emperor Penguin eggs; in fact, Cape Crozier was the only known rookery, or nesting area, of Emperor Penguins at the time. Scientists behind the expedition would study the Emperor embryo in relation to the evolution of primitive birds and dinosaurs to modern species.

The igloo O'Boyle photographed protected the explorers from a "hurricane-strength blizzard" that struck and average temperatures reaching 70 degrees below zero! As O'Boyle explained, "That they survived the journey is no small miracle, crossing crevasses, glaciers, sea ice and mountains with only the occasional light of the moon to guide



McMurdo Station in Antarctica.



What is left of Wilson's Igloo, constructed in 1911 as shelter during the Worst Journey in the World expedition.

them" O'Boyle described his time at Cape Crozier by telling me, "I felt like I was at the end of the earth".

Another of O'Boyle's trips that I found extremely interesting was to a science station in New Harbor. In November, O'Boyle spent four days at this station, which focused on biological studies of the nearby Ross Sea. Scientists at New Harbor dive under the sea ice, studying foraminifera, a single cell critter that lives on the ocean floor. There are three divers at the station, and they usually do 2 dives a day.

The average water temperature at the surface of Ross Sea is 28.8 degrees Fahrenheit, not to mention the temperature these divers experience at the ocean floor. To put this in perspective, most of us in Cohasset stop swimming in September when the ocean gets to mid-60s. We should all try to think of these brave divers the next time we shy away from swimming on a "cold day" at Sandy Beach. O'Boyle described, in reference to New Harbor, "Being here is like being on another world... there is a stillness that I have never experienced before".

Luckily for O'Boyle, he has been working in Antarctica during the summer. Antarctica's summers, however, are

definitely not what comes to mind when we think of summer. During the continent's "warm" months, temperatures range from around 0 to 20 degrees Fahrenheit. O'Boyle explained how the sun shines literally all day; in fact, the sun has been shining over Antarctica since Sept. 21st, and will not set again until Feb. 21st. After Feb. 21st, Antarctica will experience utter darkness until the following September! Not even one ray of light peaking over the horizon!

This week, O'Boyle will be going out on the sea ice to visit the SIMPLE site, where NASA scientists will be testing their underwater robot, Artemis. Scientists of the SIMPLE project are studying how the ice of McMurdo's Ice Shelf interacts with the ocean to support life on Earth. The Antarctic environment they are studying acts as a proxy for ice-ocean systems on other planets, specifically Jupiter's moon Europa. The robot Artemis that O'Boyle is going to photograph is just one of the many devices being constructed to both orbit and land on Europa sometime in the future.

You can find all of O'Boyle's experiences and explorations in his blog "Portraits of Place in Antarctica: A National Science Foundation Antarctic Artists &



A diver from the science station at New Harbor surfacing after a 35-minute dive in the Ross Sea...Brrrrr!



A pteropod, a free-swimming pelagic sea snail that lives in the open water of McMurdo Sound. This is an example of a biological study taking place under the US Antarctic Program. Biologists involved with the pteropods are studying ocean acidification as a result of the ocean absorbing historic high amounts of carbon dioxide. They are measuring the effect of this acidification on pteropods.

Writers Project by Shaun O'Boyle". Here, O'Boyle has been uploading incredible photographs and stories encompassing his time working under this program; I really recommend checking it out!

O'Boyle will also be publishing his findings to the public through an exhibition at the Berkshire Museum in Pittsfield, Mass. from November 2016-January 2017. If you are interested in the work of the U.S. Antarctic Program, and O'Boyle's experiences

in particular, I highly recommend looking into his weblog and future museum exhibition, through which you can learn of an exploration with landscapes, animals, people, and adventures like no other.

Mr. Sears hopes to have O'Boyle give a talk and present his photos in Cohasset in the new year once he has returned.

Emma Morris, a junior at Cohasset High, looks forward to traveling the world.

WICKED GOOD



The company now offers mason-jar cupcakes that feature their own cake mingled with Cinnabon's trademarked filling and signature icing. COURTESY PHOTO

Cupcake business cooks up success

Moving soon to new space in Hanover

By Amanda C. Thompson
athompson@wickedlocal.com

Wicked good news for Wicked Good Cupcakes: a recent partnership with Cinnabon has given this homegrown company even more exposure... enough that they're going to need a bigger kitchen.

The cupcake company, started by Cohasset mother-daughter duo Tracey Noonan and Dani Vilagie, now offers Mason-jar cupcakes that feature their own cake mingled with Cinnabon's trademarked "ooey gooey filling" and signature icing.

That's right: the ladies of Wicked Good are in on the secret formula, and they've used it to create four new Cinnabon cupcake varieties:

Cinnamon roll, spiced gingerbread, pumpkin, and a gluten-free cinnamon roll cupcake that will be Cinnabon's first gluten-free product ever.

Noonan connected with FOCUS Brands Group President Kat Cole, who represents Cinnabon and other chains, through Twitter. Noonan asked Cole for her mentorship, but what she got was so much more.

"She puts her money where her mouth is," said Noonan. She'd known that Cole had a penchant for encouraging entrepreneurs but never expected that to develop into a partnership.

Even before joining with Cinnabon, the Cohasset-born company had been growing steadily since it launched in 2011. Noonan and Vilagie quickly outgrew their home

kitchen and opened up shop at Old Colony Square by the train station.

Customers were asking them to ship cupcakes all over the country, and the idea of the Mason-jar cupcake was born to protect the goods during shipping. Wicked Good's popularity was only boosted when a traveler's Mason jar cupcake was confiscated at an airport and the company was deemed a "national security threat," earning them their first spot on TV.

Wicked Good appeared on TV again in April 2013, when Shark Tank investor Kevin O'Leary opted to back the venture. Soon after that, the company opened a kiosk at Faneuil Hall, which will be moving into the rotunda area of Quincy Market next month.

The company expects to sell half a million jars this year, maybe more, and the business

Business is so booming that the Cohasset storefront had to stop offering individual cupcakes and just focus on production for shipments. The former shop has been transformed into a make-shift office dominated by a kitchen. Half the company's baking is done off-site at an 11,000 square foot kitchen in Pennsylvania, and it still isn't enough.

Noonan expects to sell half a million jars this year, maybe more, and the business



Mother-daughter duo Tracey Noonan and Dani Vilagie of Wicked Good Cupcakes. COURTESY PHOTO

only continues to grow. To accommodate that, she's moving Wicked Good into a 13,000 square foot kitchen in Hanover, which is being constructed just for them and should be ready in the spring.

Today, if you want a

cupcake, you're going to have to pick it up at Faneuil Hall... or get it online from wicked-localcupcakes.com, just like the rest of the country.

Follow Amanda on Twitter for updates: @MarinerAmanda

DON'T MISS THIS

Art Center winter classes

South Shore Art Center recently announced its winter schedule of courses and workshops in all media for students will begin Jan. 13, 119 Ripley Road.

New youth classes include Super Animation Basics on Wednesday afternoons beginning Jan. 20 and Stop Motion Animation on Thursday afternoons beginning Jan. 21. Both classes are taught by Brian Fitzgerald and are offered to students in grades eight to 12.

Chris Chiba will teach Origami to students in grades seven to 10 on Saturday mornings beginning Jan. 16. Selfies and Friends, taught by Andrea Abarca Coutts, is offered on Tuesday afternoons to students in grade eight to 12.

New adult classes include Figure Drawing on Thursday evenings and Introduction to Painting with Pastels on Saturday mornings, both with Laurinda O'Connor. Acrylic Painting on Wednesday evenings and Portraits on Friday mornings will be taught by new faculty member Paul Endres Jr.

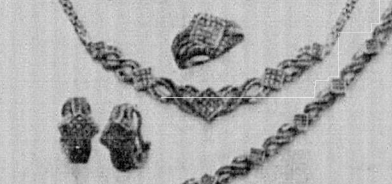
Classes and workshops are offered in all media for all ages and abilities. Drawing and painting classes are also offered at the Hingham Community Center on South Street in Hingham.

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OPINION

QUESTIONS? Contact Editor Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or mford@wickedlocal.com.

OUR VIEW

Cohasset Connects: Check it out

www.cohassetma.org

Welcome to a whole new world. The Town of Cohasset has taken a big step forward in becoming user-friendlier with a new web-based program, dubbed Cohasset Connects.

Here are some examples of recent postings:

■ Sidewalk issue: Just drove by today and noticed an unusually large amount of trash on the sidewalk and overgrown grass. Looks pretty awful... (30 King St.)

■ Street light at this location flashes on and off every few minutes. The street is very dark when the light is off and given the proximity to the police and fire station I would say it is important that the light to remain illuminated constantly. (50-60 Elm St.)

■ Graffiti on the stop sign (corner of Red Gate Lane and Jerusalem Road).

■ Street light not illuminated (300 Jerusalem Road).

The website explains that residents can now report non-emergency problems directly to the Town of Cohasset from a smartphone, tablet, or computer. Issues that can be reported include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Dead or Loose Animals
- Potholes
- Street Signs
- Traffic Signal Issues
- Dumping or other Trash Related Problems

"Cohasset staff and administrators will respond to submitted requests during standard business hours. If a report comes in during a holiday, weekend, or after work hours, it will be read and acted upon on the next business day," the

program states.

The easiest way to check out the new program is to go to www.cohassetma.org and scroll down the left side of the homepage to the Cohasset Connects icon, which is right below the icon for Cohasset 143TV.

Jennifer Oram, assistant to the Town Manager, has worked on the new program for several months and officially unveiled it Tuesday to the Board of Selectmen. She explained the goal is to increase citizen participation regarding non-emergency concerns.

The concern goes to the right department where staff will process and address it. For example, the DPW has already replaced the vandalized stop sign at Red Gate Lane and Jerusalem Road.

One of the really cool things is that you can also include a photo with your concern. There is a map where you can point to the spot in town where the streetlight, trash or graffiti is located.

Oram hopes that word will spread about the new program. Concerns will be tracked for resolution and possible trends.

Selectmen gave the program high marks during their meeting.

Town Manager Chris Senior noted it would be a great way to address matters that the town may be unaware of.

Chairman Steve Gaumer said a follow-up on the program in six months would be very informative.

We encourage everyone to check out Cohasset Connects.

Everyone involved continues to stress this program is for non-emergency concerns. If you have an emergency, always call 9-1-1.

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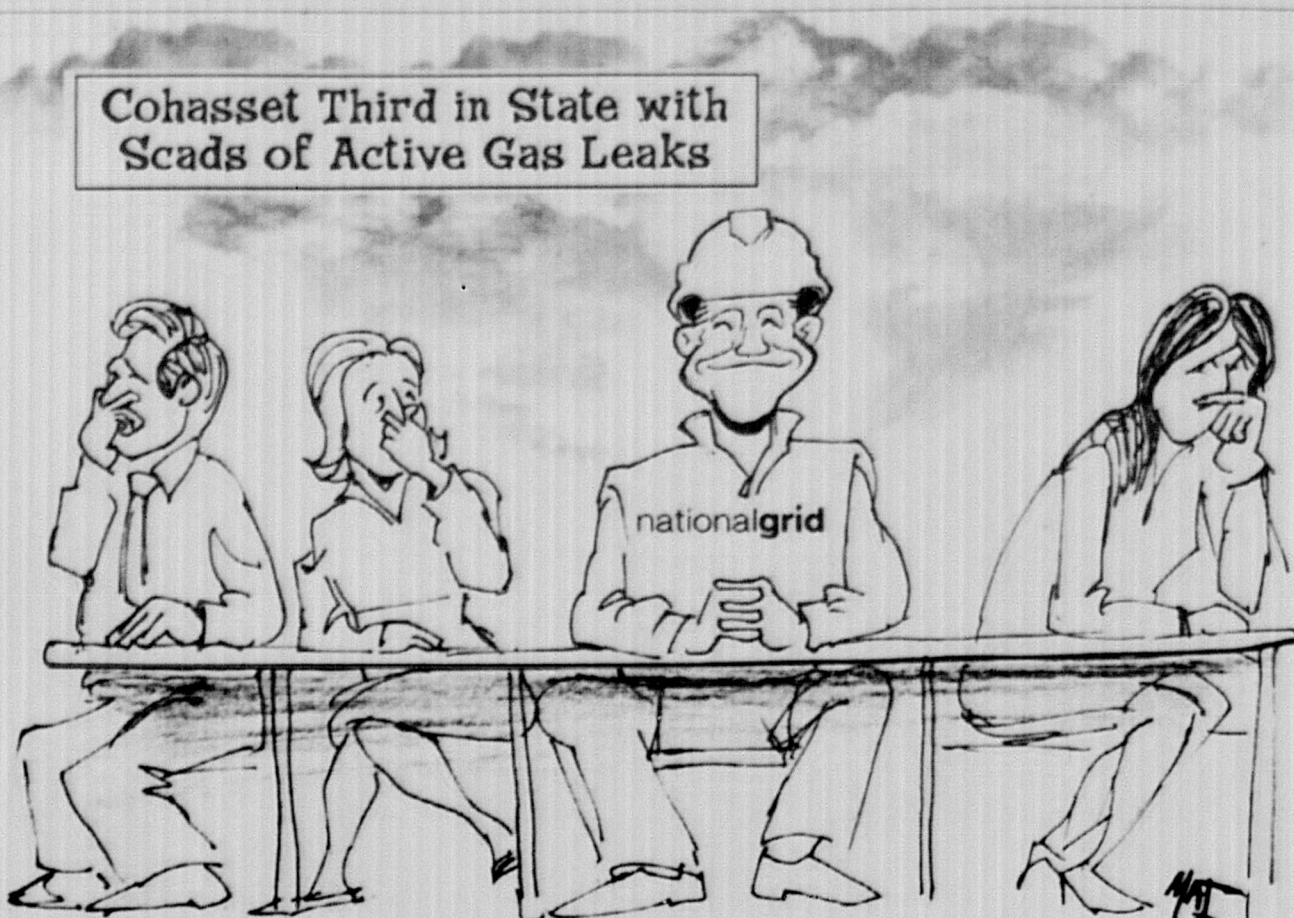
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LETTER

Route 3A land for new firehouse

The following letter was emailed to the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager:

I am emailing you all this morning after learning about the availability of the Garden Center property near the corner of Pond Street and Route 3A. The article that I read on the Cohasset Mariner website stated that you all are already looking at the possibility of acquiring this piece of

property and I would like to strongly support that effort if at all possible.

Earlier this year I wrote a piece for the Mariner about the reality facing Cohasset's emergency personnel in trying to respond to life threatening situations in a proper time frame.

The unfortunate reality is that the Cohasset's fire / police station is not properly located to be able to reach crucial parts of the

community. I work in the fire protection industry and live day to day with the data regarding the importance of response times, literally the difference of one-to-two minutes is the difference between life or death.

The parcel of land on the corner of Pond and 3A, if available, could possibly be an ideal location for a new modern station allowing for quicker access to the areas where emergency personnel

respond most often.

Ideally, it would be better if the town had the proper time to study the situation but if the availability of this plot of land is closing, the town should expedite whatever needs to be done to ensure we don't lose this window to improve life safety for all citizens. Thank you for your efforts and attention to this.

John McSheffrey,
Fairoaks Lane

MONEY TALK

Review annual financial checklist

By Michael J. McNamara

Take some time every December to review your tax liability. And take some time every January to review your financial affairs.

Looking back over the last calendar year, what went well? What went poorly? What needs some attention? What needs fixing, and how are you going to fix it? This financial checklist is my Christmas present to you.

Is your financial plan on schedule?

Are your emergency reserves adequate?

Is the size of your nest egg on schedule for retirement?

Are you working down your debt on schedule?

Is the date you have chosen to retire still good?

Is your college funding plan on track?

How is your cash flow?

Were you on budget for the year?

Did you successfully deal with unplanned expenses?

Is your charge card balance zero?

How much did you save for retirement and was it enough?

How are your investments performing?

Is your net worth bigger than it was a year ago?

Do you have an investment strategy, and is it appropriate?

Is your asset allocation appropriate?

Are your investments performing as expected?

Are your investment costs under control?

Did you re-balance on schedule?

Are your beneficiary designations up to date?

Are you paying as little tax as legally possible?

Did you get a big refund last year?

Did you owe more tax than expected?

Is your tax withholding

correct?

Are your investments tax efficient?

Did you take any possible tax losses?

What can you do, if anything to reduce your tax burden?

Are you legally squared away?

Are your legal documents appropriate and up to date?

If you have a trust or two, are they funded?

Are you comfortable with your choice of legal representative (executor)?

Are you comfortable with who holds your power of attorney?

Are you comfortable with your choice of trustee?

Is your legal representative/power of attorney/trustee familiar with your circumstances?

If you have not treated your children as equal beneficiaries, do they know?

Do you have adequate insurance?

If you died tomorrow, is your family OK?

If you couldn't go to work for the next three months or forever, is your family OK?

If you or your spouse must go to a nursing home tomorrow, have you got it covered?

All of the above will take some time and effort and resolve on your part. And it will be worth it.

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EVERYTHING SOCIAL SECURITY

Resources to help get your retirement soaring

By Kristen Alberino

Wright Brothers Day, observed Dec. 17, marks

the day in 1903 that two adventurous brothers in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina took to the air for the first time. It was a modern miracle at the time and a catalyst for the age of intercontinental travel. Over a hundred years later, it's commonplace for people to fly across the country. Most of us don't consider all the preparation and patience it took to achieve this modern feat of flight.

Luckily, planning your financial future isn't as daunting as pioneering modern aviation. Social Security has secure and easy-to-use online resources that can ensure your retirement soars above the clouds. The sooner you start planning for retirement, the better prepared

you'll be. Just like building a reliable airplane, you'll need finely tuned parts that will work together for you to take flight.

Think of your retirement strategy as a flight plan that propels you higher. We have many resources at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire that help you find the age at which you may first become entitled to unredacted retirement benefits, estimate your life expectancy, and calculate your estimated benefits. These tools explain how much money you will need and for how long — something you can adjust through personal savings, pensions, and other benefits.

You can also get personalized benefit estimates using the Retirement Estimator at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator. The Estimator shows different scenarios, like how future

wage changes or alternate retirement dates will affect your future benefits. Benefit amounts may differ from the estimates provided because:

■ Your earnings may increase or decrease in the future.

■ After you start receiving benefits, they may be adjusted for cost-of-living increases.

■ Your estimated benefits are based on current law. The law governing benefit amounts may change because, by 2034, the payroll taxes collected under current law will be enough to pay only about 79 cents for each dollar of scheduled benefits.

■ Your benefit amount may be affected by military service, railroad employment or pensions earned through work on which you did not pay Social Security tax.

As you can see, your

flight plan to retirement may change over your lifetime. It's important you understand that no matter where life takes you, the long journey to retirement is one of your most important trips. With every right decision, you're making your retirement flight plan a success that will carry you through the heights of your golden years.

It's never too early to start planning. Whether you are nearly ready to retire or if you're just getting off the ground in your career, I recommend you create your own Social Security account so you can also learn about all the future benefits available to you. Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount to create your account.

— Kristen Alberino is a Social Security Public Affairs Specialist based in Quincy.

LIFE AT CHS

College acceptance reality takes hold

The last week before progress reports are released was a reflective one for the students of CHS. Some worried about that test they forgot to study for, others about whether or not they knew their iPass password (so they could actually access the grades). However, no one worried more than the Cohasset seniors.

As the middle of December draws closer, many of us are starting to realize the reality of our college applications — especially now that we're getting letters back from colleges. The wall in the Language and Guidance hallway is already littered with acceptance letters from various colleges and universities.

While most students paste up letters from their "safety" schools, the wave of acceptance letters from Early Action and Early Decision college choices are coming as well, leaving for some relieved seniors (and the inevitable early stages of Senioritis). To add to this sense of relief, many seniors took their last — and I do mean very last — round of SATs and SAT Subject Tests! Now we just have to wait for the scores...

This past week taught many students about distracted driving. "Distractology 101" hosted a distracted driving course throughout the week in the student parking lot using a driving simulator in a mobile trailer. This simulator puts the student behind the wheel of the car, and continually throws common distractions their way — simulated text messages, pedestrians, loud



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music — if it can distract you, it was there.

The objective was to get through the course while balancing these distractions and, as many students found out, that was all but impossible. This highlights the epidemic that distracted driving is, especially concerning cellphone use. These simulator results are used in a research study to help promote safety and caution amidst new drivers — truly perfectly placed in a high school setting.

Congratulations to the cast and crew of "Parfumerie"! They finished off their production of this comedic play last Friday. They sported a full house each night of laughter-filled, responsive crowds with nothing but praise to give to the actors and actresses. This was also the first production directed by middle school teacher Mrs. Ryan, who will be sticking with Cohasset High School Theater Company for their upcoming spring production which they will take to the Massachusetts Theatre Guild Festival for Competition.

For Maggie Seebeck, Madison Pratt, Dan Toomey, Evan Canney, Meghan Considine and Julia Curtin, the senior members of the cast, this was somewhat of a bittersweet last performance. These six seniors represent just how rich the senior class is in

artistically-inclined students. Each member of the cast and crew is extremely dedicated to theatrics — a majority of these seniors even plan to pursue a theater or acting major in college. Hopefully we'll see them again for the spring production!

Everyone's getting into the holiday spirit! The senior class has started to decorate the Skipper café with holiday memorabilia — everything from twinkling lights to cardboard menorahs to little "Charlie Brown" Christmas trees are haphazardly set up around the senior's lunch area, serving as a friendly reminder that winter break is very, very close. What's more, the chorus and band Holiday Caroling tour is today. Students taking music classes get the day off to take a field trip to Lindon Ponds, the Deer Hill, and the Osgood School to sing and play to residents and students the songs they've been preparing for the first and second quarters of the school year.

Though many students will be relieved when Winter break finally does come along, we still have to brave the reception of college acceptance (or denial) letters, assessments and coursework. On top of all that, I haven't even started Christmas shopping for my family and friend. And I'm pretty sure "one free hug" coupons stopped being cute when I hit age twelve.

—Becca Fredey is a senior at CHS and weekly columnist for the Mariner. She's yet to make a Christmas list, but rest assured, it will include a plea for some college acceptance letters.

LESSONS LEARNED

Critical nature of simple movements

The reach to a box of cereal, the grasp of a spoon, the strumming gesture across a guitar, the point toward a door by a character in a play. These simple gestures hide a truth about our work and our learning that is both profound and invisible. Years later the man who saw those simple movements and understood their critical nature is not well known, but his influence is burgeoning in the small behavioral group of professionals who call themselves Precision Teachers.

Very few noted men and women have not possessed these invisible skills to a fluent, highly practiced level. Stephen Hawking comes to mind, and there are others.

Point, touch, reach, grasp, release, place. These movements underlie our work behavior whether we are retail workers, or orchestra conductors. These movements must be efficient and fluent to enable successful work in almost every arena. Musicians carry them to the highest level of performance, performing high frequency, precise movements with amazing dexterity to create beauty.

Dr. Eric Houghton coined the term "the Big Six" for these movements. Over a very short period he added more movements, changed the names for the movements. Annie Desjardins was the first and most eloquent teacher implementing these ideas, and she was not only very effective as a teacher, but wrote a document that continues to be the most succinct explanation of what and why these movements are so important.

But this powerful instructional seed has been forgotten, never fully exploited by teachers at any level. Eric called these movements "elements"



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in the chemistry of human performance. Without these elements at full strength, a learner's performance will be stunted. With them every skill, every level of development is in his or her grasp.

Eric's genius was to see that everything we do requires these movements. Everything a student does in school requires these movements, everything we do in love or hate, in building or destroying, requires these movements. Children who are weak in these movements are going to struggle to write, to type, to color, to paint, to fasten a button or put on a shirt, to strum a guitar.

So Eric's other genius was to see that improving these skills would strengthen a learner's ability to do everything in life — and that by practicing the Big Six in isolation, by counting them and seeing whether they are performed with sufficient frequency and force, we can transform the learners' life experience.

When Eric shared this idea I was working with autistic teenagers. They were difficult to work with, frequently interrupting our carefully taught vocational sequences with random finger flapping or other behaviors that we deemed nonfunctional. We would help our students to develop a skill, for example hammering, only to see the skill disintegrate as the student would abruptly start doing some stereotypic movement that interrupted what we had taught.

Point, touch, reach, grasp, release, place. These movements underlie our work behavior whether we are retail workers, or orchestra conductors.

Since we were measuring the frequency of every skill it was apparent to us that the skills were insufficiently practiced, insufficiently strengthened to sustain themselves. We had set targets at 30 percent of industrial standard, as we hoped that level of work performance would be sufficient to hold a sheltered work opportunity. At that time we thought that was a high aim, and would assure an opportunity to engage in work and have a future of some dignity.

We were aiming low, but we didn't know it.

Eric pointed out that these nonfunctional behaviors (as we saw them) were in fact useful movement skills that were not really fluent yet, and consequently the "work" skills we were teaching were as though we were demanding that a new pianist play Mozart. Our students needed to practice the scales of work movement — the Big Six — to be able to achieve performances that would enable productive work — at above 100 percent of the industrial standard. We tried it and it worked. It changed everything about how I see learning, and over the years this way to see skill development has transformed many learners. Always aim high.

Thank you Eric.

—Richard McManus of Hingham is the founder of the Fluency Factory in Cohasset.

PLANNING MATTERS

Yours, mine and ours

One of my favorite books when I was little was "Free to Be a Family." I loved how it went beyond just mom and dad and Dick and Jane. One of the songs I most remember from it was "A Friendly Neighborhood" about how a girl's family began with her and her parents and her brother, and then grew to include the mom's new husband, his kids, the dad's new girlfriend and her two children who came from Vietnam, and so on.

As a child, it was fun to think about all those extra people who might show up on holidays and what the family tree looked like. As a lawyer who works with people who figure out how construct their estate plans, I can't help but think about how many things would need to be taken into consideration if those families were making their own plan.

In working with my clients over the years, I've noticed that people get stalled when it comes to how to plan for blended families because there seem to be so many issues at play. I've found that addressing the needs of children (with perhaps wide age ranges), considering family dynamics and remembering other assets are key decision making factors in helping people make plans for blended families.

As you start the process, you should think about your overall values and goals. Do you have young children who will need support right away? Do you want to leave an inheritance to help your older children get a step up early in life if you pass



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away? Or do you want their inheritance to be delayed until they have succeeded on their own?

And if there is more than one child, consider the age differences between siblings. If one child will be off in college while another is starting kindergarten, you might want to consider a trust. A trust can be structured so that the older children can have access to their funds for college or living expenses while younger children are still provided for during their growing years.

Next, consider your family dynamics when deciding whom to name as trustees and executors. What are the relationships like? What might they be if one spouse passes away?

You should discuss with your spouse what would happen if s/he passed away first, as it will likely affect where they live, what property passes to whom and who needs to be provided for. One way to ensure that your spouse will be protected is to establish a trust for the management of assets after one spouse has passed away. You can provide for your surviving spouse to have access to funds for their lifetime, while still ensuring that all involved children are provided for after the second spouse passes away.

And if you do need to create a separate trust

for any children that are involved, you'll need to consider who will be the trustee and executor. You might prefer to have another family member, friend, or professional handle the role rather than having your children's other parents manage any funds.

Finally, consider double checking the beneficiary designations you've made on any retirement plans — like 401(k), 403(b), pensions and IRAs — or life insurance policies. You may find that you inadvertently left a former spouse as your beneficiary when you intended it to be your new spouse. You might also want to consider purchasing life insurance policies to provide for children at the death of their parent, even if most of the other property is passing to the other spouse.

Considering these things — and getting your financial affairs in order — will give you the biggest gift of all this holiday season: your peace of mind knowing that those you love will be provided for. That peace of mind will also allow you to focus on other, more important things this holiday season, like where to hide the Elf on the Shelf or how to fit 14 people around a table made for eight.

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LIBRARY CORNER

Save date for E-book workshop

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. Call 781-383-1348 for more information or visit our website at: cohassetlibrary.org.

AUTHOR VISIT: Robine Andrau will give a talk about her book *Bowing to the Emperor: We Were Captives in WWII* on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. A book signing will follow the talk. Books will be available for purchase. All are welcome.

E-BOOK WORKSHOP: Learn how to download free

e-books from the library to your iPad, e-reader, or mobile device on Wednesday, Dec. 16th at 6:30 p.m. Bring your library card & PIN information and your portable device and passwords for a hands-on experience.

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR ENERGY USE: The library has a Kill-A-Watt electricity usage meter available to check out for a week. National Grid explains, "The meter allows homeowners to easily measure

the electrical draw of household appliances to determine how they currently use energy. Ultimately, homeowners will learn how to reduce energy consumption and electric costs." The Kill-A-Watt meter is available for all Cohasset library cardholders. See the circulation desk for more details.

LIBRARY BOOK GROUP: Join for coffee and discussion of Ellis Avery's book, "The Teahouse Fire" at 10 a.m. Dec. 30. All are welcome.

LIBRARY KIDS

Conservatory Demo Class Wednesday

The following events for children will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Call 781-383-1348 for more information or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Music: South Shore Conservatory Demo Class, Wed. Dec. 16, 10:30. SIGN UP NOW! Music Together demonstration class for ages 0-4 with caregiver. Reserve your space online by logging onto cohassetlibrary.org.

Weekly programs

Mamasteph: Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

Read to a Dog: Dec. 15, 4-5 p.m.: Sophie will be at the library. Sign up upon arrival at the Children's Room desk.

Drop in Crafts: Dec. 17, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Lego Club: Dec. 21, at 4 p.m.

Puppet Story Time with Leigh and Friends: Dec. 15 and 29 at 10:30 a.m.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten: Accept the challenge and sign up now. Registration forms and reading logs available in the Children's Room. For more information about this national program go to: 1000books-beforekindergarten.org/1000-books-before-kindergarten-program.

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LOCAL GEM

Coaching leaders to reach potential

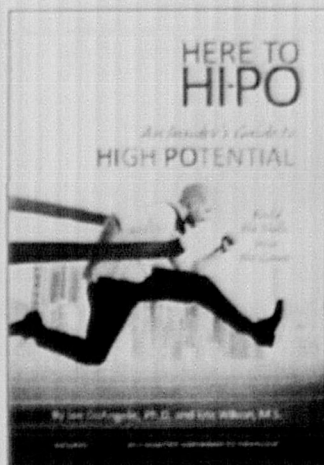
By Amanda C. Thompson
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In New England, it's common knowledge that "you can't get there from here" – but in the professional world, you absolutely can get there from here, and Joe DeAngelis wrote a book to show you how.

DeAngelis is the founding principal of South Shore Behavioral Partners, a Cohasset-based company with clients in 21 countries, where he coaches potential leaders to prepare them for higher-level roles. He has a PhD in organizational psychology. His co-author, Eric Wilson, M.S., is a former client who works in human resources.

"Having spent 25 years in talent development," said DeAngelis, "I've come to the unfortunate realization that the way companies go about evaluating their talent is quite flawed and subject to a lot of bias."

His book, "Here to Hi-Po: An Insider's Guide to High Potential," is designed to help people who are in the early to middle years of their career and want to advance but don't know how. It's designed to show those people – most of them



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in the 25-40 age bracket – how to play and win the corporate game.

"The whole theme is to provide a voice for people who feel they are stuck," said DeAngelis. "They feel they aren't getting any visibility, or there's no options for them. I've seen great people leave businesses because they didn't see a career pathway. I've seen companies going outside and hiring talent when there's great talent inside; they just haven't discovered them."

"Hi-Po" is a self-directed



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development guide for professionals – not for human resources directors, although DeAngelis said that many of his clients have been buying the book for members of their workforce, despite the spotlight it shines on the shortcomings of HR. He has also heard positive responses from parents who want their college grads to read it.

According to "Hi-Po," for the 85 percent of people

who want to advance in their careers, the first step is to understand and develop best practices and characteristics of high-potential people. DeAngelis called this the "skill-building" stage, and his book comes with a downloadable 60-page, nine-segment electronic workbook to help readers achieve this at their own pace.

The second step is self-branding. DeAngelis

found that most people felt uncomfortable marketing themselves, and less than half believed they had the skills to succeed in the marketplace. Therefore he and Wilson dedicated a big chunk of their book to teaching confidence.

"Confidence is the foundation of everything you do," said DeAngelis. The book explains how to improve one's executive presence

by projecting confidence through posture, manner of addressing people, and strong presentation skills.

"Hi-Po" will help more than just professionals, though. DeAngelis believes it will help management and companies as a whole by reducing the amount they have to spend on talent development or external searches. By sourcing talent internally, companies can reduce the rate of turnover, which is good news for employees as well as for the bottom line.

DeAngelis and Wilson dedicated nine months to research, surveying, and professional consultation regarding best practices. DeAngelis was able to pull expertise from his company's partner, the Management Research Group, which provided data on the differentiating skills, behaviors, and competencies of several thousand people.

At 144 pages, "Hi-Po" could be a quick read with a long, long payout. It is available from Amazon.com as well as from DeAngelis's site, heretohipo.com.

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DON'T MISS THIS

Historical Society holiday exhibit

The Cohasset Historical Society recently announced the opening of its new holiday exhibit, Winter White.

Carefully selected costumes from the library's textiles collection as well as other artifacts that fit the category will be on display Dec. 14 through Feb. 28, 2016.

A number of wedding gowns, christening gowns and quilts will fill the exhibit rooms. Along with textiles, the society will show black and white winter photographs and

selected items donated by the Richardson White family.

Richardson White was a Cohasset sculptor, who won accolades for his sculptures of horses. Highlighting this collection is a white silk ball gown purchased in Paris in 1865 for \$100 by Maria L. Barnes and donated by her great-granddaughter in 1882.

The Historical Society is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. For information: 781-383-1434.

HARBOR

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each other to keep going," he said. "That's why we've done so well so far."

But the scout O'Brien, a Cohasset High School senior, looked up to most was his older brother, Jack, now a sophomore in college. The brothers always had similar interests.

"He wanted to become an Eagle Scout very badly," O'Brien remembered. "We both worked at it and pushed each other."

Completion of a capstone project is just one of several requirements that a scout must meet before becoming an Eagle. Scouts must also demonstrate leadership capability and earn badges throughout their scouting career.

O'Brien earned over two dozen badges. His favorite one to earn was a retired badge, brought back during the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts: a signaling badge, which required him to learn the skills of semaphore and Morse code.

As for leadership, O'Brien served as assistant patrol leader in his early years with the troop and



Luke O'Brien, 17, of Troop 28, stands by the fence that was part of his Eagle Scout project. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO / ROBIN CHAN

later graduated to assistant senior patrol leader, a role he still serves today. He also acted as quartermaster, keeping track of all

the troop's gear.

Like many of his peers, O'Brien went to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico over the

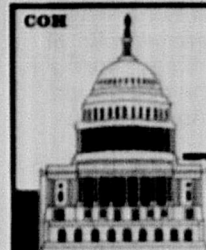
summer, an experience that branded itself in his memory.

"It was relaxing," O'Brien said of the 12-day, 120-mile hike. "It was the pinnacle of everything we'd learned. It was very different from what we see around here – at night, there were so many more stars. You weren't thinking about the stuff you worry about in your everyday life."

When he's not building fences, tapping out secret messages, or taking 120-mile walks, O'Brien plays football for the Cohasset Skippers and competes on the wrestling team, which requires hours of daily practice. Like most of his peers, he's also in the throes of college applications.

"Luke is a good example of someone who balanced all the commitments of scouting and took advantage of all the opportunities while managing to be involved in school and sports activities as well," said Scoutmaster Rob Hillman. "He's very involved, but very balanced."

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote (President rarely votes) * Not every item is voted on by both House and Senate

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week. This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call reports local senators' roll call attendance records for the 2015 session.

The Senate held 212 roll call votes. Beacon Hill Roll Call tabulates the number of roll calls on which each senator was present and voting and then calculates that number as a percentage of the total roll call votes held. That percentage is the number referred to as the roll call attendance record.

Twenty-three of the Senate's 40 members have 100 percent roll call attendance records.

Some senators may have poor attendance records for a variety of reasons including health problems or military service.

The senator who missed the most roll calls is Sen. William Brownsberger (D-Belmont), who missed 57 roll calls (73.1 percent attendance). All the roll calls missed by Brownsberger were held on one day, July 30. There were 69 roll calls that day and Brownsberger missed 57 of them. He told Beacon Hill Roll Call, "I left the Senate session at 4 p.m. for a long-scheduled meeting with the District Attorneys Association, returning to the Statehouse at 10:30 p.m., after the Senate session ended."

The other four senators who missed the most roll calls are Sens. Jennifer Flanagan (D-Leominster), 15 roll calls (92.9 percent attendance); Eileen Donoghue (D-Lowell), 13 roll calls (93.9 percent attendance); Barbara L'Italien (D-Andover), eight roll calls (96.2 percent attendance); and Thomas McGee (D-Lynn), seven roll calls (96.7 percent attendance).

SENATORS' 2015 ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The percentage listed next to the senator's name is the percentage of roll call votes for which the senator was present and voting. The number in parentheses represents the number of roll calls that the senator missed.

Sen. Michael Brady	100 percent (0)
Sen. Viriato deMacedo	100 percent (0)
Sen. Robert Hedlund	100 percent (0)
Sen. Brian Joyce	100 percent (0)
Sen. John Keenan	100 percent (0)
Sen. Mark Montigny	100 percent (0)
Sen. Marc Pacheco	100 percent (0)
Sen. Michael Rodrigues	100 percent (0)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

INFO ON SEX OFFENDERS (H 1407) - The Judiciary Committee held a hearing on a bill that would allow a victim to obtain information on his or her perpetrator including their home address, secondary address, work address and where the offender attends school.

Supporters said it might help victims feel more secure if they have this information. They said the victim, not the offender, is the priority.

Opponents said some sex offenders have expressed fears of retaliation by victims' families if all this information is provided.

SEX OFFENSES - The hearing also included legislation expanding the definition of incest to include sexual relationships with adoptive parents and stepparents (H 1396). The measure was first proposed in 2004 in response to a court ruling that a stepfather could not be charged with incest for having intercourse with his stepdaughter.

Other bills heard by the Judiciary Committee include prohibiting Level 3 sex offenders from living in the same single-family or multi-family dwelling as another Level 3 offender unless they are legally related (H 1411) and abolishing the statute of limitations that limits the period of time after the alleged crime during which a victim who was under 18 at the time of the alleged assault, can bring charges against a person for child sexual abuse (S 865). Current civil law affords a victim up until the age of 21 to file a suit. The same bill was defeated in 2014 when it was sent to a study committee.

CLEAR TITLE TO PROPERTY (S 2015) - Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law a bill that supporters said would provide relief to Massachusetts homeowners who currently lack clear title to their homes due to prior faulty foreclosures while opponents argued the law would curtail illegally foreclosed homeowners' right to regain title to their homes.

Supporters say the measure was filed in response to a Supreme Judicial Court decision that voided thousands of foreclosure sales. They note the court said that a foreclosure is void if the foreclosing lender cannot produce a written assignment of its mortgage prior to the first publication of notice. They say the bill remedies this problem by allowing the affidavit recorded during the sale of the property to serve as conclusive evidence that the fore-

closing lender is in compliance. They note this will help thousands of homeowners who unwittingly purchased an improperly foreclosed property and are currently without a clear title and consequently unable to sell or refinance their homes.

The law is vehemently opposed by the Massachusetts Alliance Against Predatory Lending (MAAPL), which says it will adversely affect some 70,000 illegally foreclosed Massachusetts families by slashing the period to file in court and recover their homes from the present 20 years to one year after the law goes into effect. They argue the law is unconstitutional and curtails the property rights of every Massachusetts resident who has a mortgage. They promise to take the matter to court.

INSPECTION STICKER AND INSURANCE (S 525) - The Financial Services Committee held a hearing on a bill that would prohibit failure to have an inspection sticker from counting as a violation that raises insurance rates on consumers under the state's Safe Driver Insurance Plan (SDIP). The plan encourages safe driving by providing incentives to drivers with clean driving records and ensuring that drivers who collect surcharge points pay more for auto insurance.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of November 30-December 4, the House met for a total of 12 minutes while the Senate met for a total 9 minutes.

HEALTH BOARD

Raising tobacco purchase age possible

By Susan Sarni
Special to the Mariner.

Mortality from lung cancer is 24 percent higher in Cohasset compared to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. According to a March 24, 2015 "Communities That Care Report" for grades six to 12 in Cohasset Public Schools, the data shows that after alcohol, tobacco is the most commonly used drug among our adolescents.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, tobacco is the leading preventable cause of disease, disability, and death in the United States. Cigarettes and other forms of tobacco such as cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff and chewing tobacco contain the addictive drug nicotine. Nicotine is absorbed into the bloodstream when a tobacco product is chewed, inhaled, or smoked. When

The Board of Health will discuss increasing the age to purchase tobacco products at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 15.

entering the bloodstream it stimulates the adrenal glands to release adrenaline, stimulates the central nervous system, increases blood pressure, respiration and heart rate.

A 2015 "American Journal of Preventative Medicine" article, "Nicotine and the Developing Human," states that smoking cigarettes during adolescence has been associated with cognitive and behavioral impairments. These impairments include effects on the working memory, attention and reduced prefrontal cortex activation. This is responsible for planning complex cognitive behavior, personality expression, decision making and social behavior. The brain does not reach

full maturity until the 20s; therefore purchasing tobacco products should be restricted to adults 21 years and older. Data from the Center of Disease Control states that nearly 9 out of 10 cigarette smokers first tried smoking by age 18. Each day in the United States, more than 3,800 youth aged 18 years or younger smoke their first cigarette and an additional 2,100 youths and young adults become daily cigarette smokers.

Lastly, flavored tobacco is made to be more appealing to youth; in 2014 73 percent of high school students and 56 percent of middle school students in the United States reported using flavored tobacco products in the last 30 days.

In 2015, 75 municipalities have increased the minimum age for tobacco purchases to adults 21 years and older; Braintree, Duxbury, Hull, Marshfield and Scituate have raised the tobacco purchase age to 21 years. Hingham tobacco purchase age is 19 years; Norwell has scheduled a public hearing on Dec. 21 to discuss increasing the age to purchase tobacco products.

The Cohasset Board of Health will discuss increasing the age to purchase tobacco products at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15. The public is invited to attend, to listen and to participate in this discussion. Bay State Community Services will present a program regarding the effects of tobacco on the adolescent brain.

—Susan Sarni, SE, MPH,
is Cohasset director of public health.

SPLIT

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2-1/2, the annual increase in the local tax levy is limited to 2-1/2 percent with an allowance for new construction.

Quill said the overall value in Cohasset increased by \$62 million.

The Department of Revenue allows the Board of Selectmen to vote to shift a percentage of the tax burden to Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property taxpayers. This shift would lower the tax rate minimally to \$12.39 for residential property owners and increase the tax rate to \$19.33 for Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property taxpayers, Quill said.

The tax bills will reflect the Selectmen's decision maintain a uniform tax rate for all property classes based on the Board

of Assessors' recommendation. The town is 93 percent residential and adopting a split tax rate would minimally decrease residential property tax bills while dramatically increasing commercial property tax bills. It would be difficult for the Commercial property owners to bear that type of increase, according to Quill.

Tax bills vary depending on a property's assessed value. Property owners can calculate the property tax by taking the assessed value of the property and dividing it by \$1,000 and multiplying by the tax rate.

Tax bills have risen by about one-third over the past 10 years. In 2006, the average Cohasset home was assessed at \$776,000 and the tax rate was \$10.84, yielding an annual tax bill of \$8,411.

The new tax rate will be reflected in the third quarter tax bills.

LEAKS

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city and town in the Commonwealth. Humphrey sent letters to all cities and towns with more than 100 leaks.

"To add insult to injury, the utilities do not pay for the gas that is wasted through leaks, but pass the cost on to the customers by factoring it into the price they charge," Humphrey wrote. He explained in Massachusetts the cost passed on to customers is estimated to be \$90 million a year.

Audrey Schulman, president of HEET, explained in a telephone interview that utilities prioritize leaks in terms of safety not size. A grade 1 leak, for example is quite dangerous, a grade 2, potentially dangerous and a grade 3, is considered not dangerous at all. "A grade 1 leak could be tiny and a grade 3, a gusher," she explained. Schulman said the utilities are on top of the safety issue but not the leaks that are considered not dangerous. Some of those leaks can date back 30 years. In Cohasset the oldest active gas leak was reported in 1991.

Schulman said the focus of HEET is to do whatever they can to reduce energy bills and greenhouse gas emissions. She said gas leaks are both a health and an environmental issue. Gas leaks that replace oxygen in the soil can kill trees and other vegetation. Also, gas leaks increase ground-level ozone, which can be bad for people with asthma and allergies. And when gas gets farther up into the atmosphere it becomes "greenhouse gas on steroid harming the planet," she said.

Schulman said the cost of lost gas through the leaks is paid for by customers in an increase in price per therm (unit of heat). The proposed legislation would put that cost back onto the utility and therefore, provide incentive for them to fix the leaks, she said.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, who represents Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and one precinct in Scituate, said he supports the both gas leak bills (H2870 and H2871).

"I support both bills and think it is very important," Bradley said. He explained that H2871 builds upon legislation signed into law in 2014 that did not address repairing grade 3 leaks while streets are open for other work.

The other bill (H2870) would make the utilities pay for the lost gas themselves.

"Repair of the grade 3 leaks is not incentivized right now," Bradley said because the utilities don't have to pay for the leaking gas.

Bradley said this is an issue that needs more public awareness in that many people may not realize that gas leaks are not prevalent. "Just drive around town and you can smell gas depending on where you are," he said.

Danielle Williamson, spokeswoman for National Grid, said that the utility is working to repair grade 3 leaks with new pipe when they are doing other work, hence the drop from 205 last winter to 155 leaks in Cohasset, a decrease of 24 percent. She said the company continues to believe that the legislation passed in 2014 handles the situation. "The plan is to eliminate all leaks within 20 years

by picking away at them," she said. She confirmed that the lost gas is covered through the company's rate structure.

Chairman Steve Gaumer acknowledged receipt of Humphrey's letter at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on Tuesday. He asked Town Manager Chris Senior to investigate to determine the validity of the facts Humphrey presented.

"We need to figure out whether the facts tell the whole story," Gaumer said. He asked Senior to talk to the town engineer to see if this is a matter of public safety and ask National Grid to address the issue.

The gas leaks map can be accessed at: heetma.org/squeaky-leak/natural-gas-leaks-maps/.

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2-1/2 percent:	\$781,331
*New growth:	\$521,832
Debt exclusions:	\$1,919,374
Total levy limit:	\$34,475,771

*"New growth" allows a community to increase its levy limit annually by an amount based on the increased value of new construction. New growth is calculated by multiplying the increase in the assessed valuation of qualifying property by the prior year's tax rate

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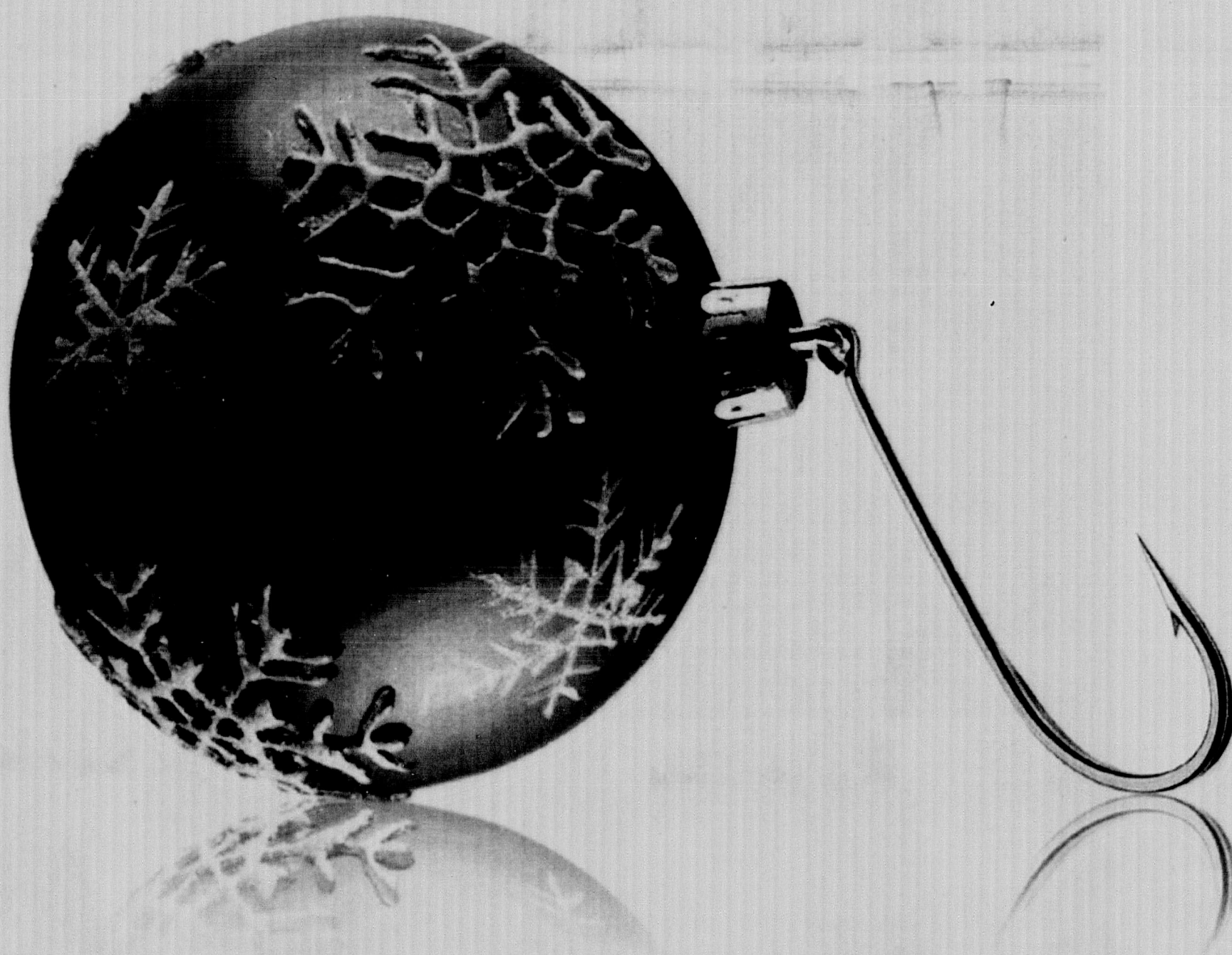
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JOB OPENINGS

Cohasset positions

The coaching positions listed below are vacant. Applications for the following positions are now being accepted:

Varsity Head Baseball Coach (Spring 2016)

All candidates should send the following, letter of intent, resume, three references and/or contact AD Ron Ford at: Athletic Director Cohasset Middle-High School 143 Pond Street, Cohasset MA 02025 phone: 781-383-6103

THE U

Youth Indoor Soccer

The U at Hanover will host Youth Indoor Soccer with a league beginning Jan. 23.

Games will be Friday, Saturday or Sunday depending on age.

Ages U8, U10, U14 High School boys and girls.

This is the second of two sessions. The first session is already underway.

The second session will have eight games plus playoffs and will start Jan. 23.

Cost is \$900 per team.

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BROCKTON ROX

New ticket plans

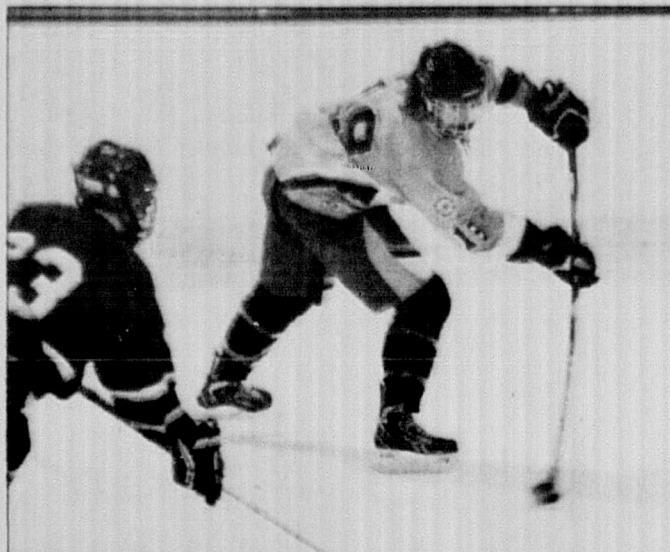
The Brockton Rox, which has featured players from Cohasset in recent seasons, announced their new mini-plan packages and benefits for the 2016 season. New for the 2016 season the Rox will be selling three-game mini plans along with their five-game mini plans and flex packs. Pick from four predetermined options or build your own mini plan from our 28-game home schedule. Three-game and five-game mini plan holders will receive great benefits including a 10 percent merchandise discount, the never a wasted ticket program and one special event at the stadium.

Purchase your tickets by January 1, and if the Rox do not make the playoffs you will get your money back.

When coach Jason Szafarski was told about the new promotion he had this to say, "Mr. (owner Chris) English has always expected a lot out of his ball clubs, so this marketing strategy does not surprise me. The 2016 Rox could be one of the most exciting teams in the Futures League this year, so I am 100 percent certain that we will make the playoffs. If not, I guess I'll be looking for a job."

BOYS HOCKEY

Strong in their own end



Cohasset senior defenseman Matt Legge. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

Defense and goaltending to pace Skippers

The Cohasset Mariner

Cohasset hockey returns a veteran defensive corps and a goaltender who will be starting for his third year. They will be relied upon for stability as the team seeks to replace several key players up front and over 75 percent of its scoring production.

The defense is led by senior captain Matt Legge, returning South Shore League All-Star junior Michael Cohen, junior Aidan McHugh, junior Joe

Campedelli, and senior Joe Cavanaro. Senior Captain Liam McHugh anchors the back end for the Skippers as one of the area's best goaltenders.

"Our defense is clearly our strength," Cohasset coach Phil Mahoney said. "They are experienced and possess the ability to move the puck in many ways. I expect them to be solid in our own end and very active on offense. Behind them we have Liam McHugh in net. He is a tremendous leader and in my opinion, the league's best goaltender. We will lean on him heavily throughout the season."

While there are many holes

to fill up front, there is no shortage of talent in the Skipper lineup to look at. Junior Jimmy Farren returns to the program and is expected to make an impact immediately. He will be joined by senior Kyle O'Brien and junior Brad Winn.

Senior Jackson Dutton, junior Thomas Durkin, and sophomore Kyle Ferreira will also be counted on to score for the Skippers. Former JV standouts sophomore Ryan Losordo, freshman Conor Joslin, and freshman Matt Lund have the ability to contribute right away. The

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BOYS BASKETBALL

New look

First time varsity starters grab mantle

By William Wassersug
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The Cohasset boys basketball team is no stranger to success, at least in the past seven years, corresponding to the time coach Bo Ruggiero joined the program.

In that time, the Skippers have been to the MIAA Tournament six times.

Cohasset has also won the South Shore League the last two years and three times in those seven years, including one before the league split into large and small school divisions.

There have been 20 win seasons along the way.

This year, Ruggiero isn't sure what to expect from the team that finished 16-6 last year.

The reason is simple - an almost completely new group

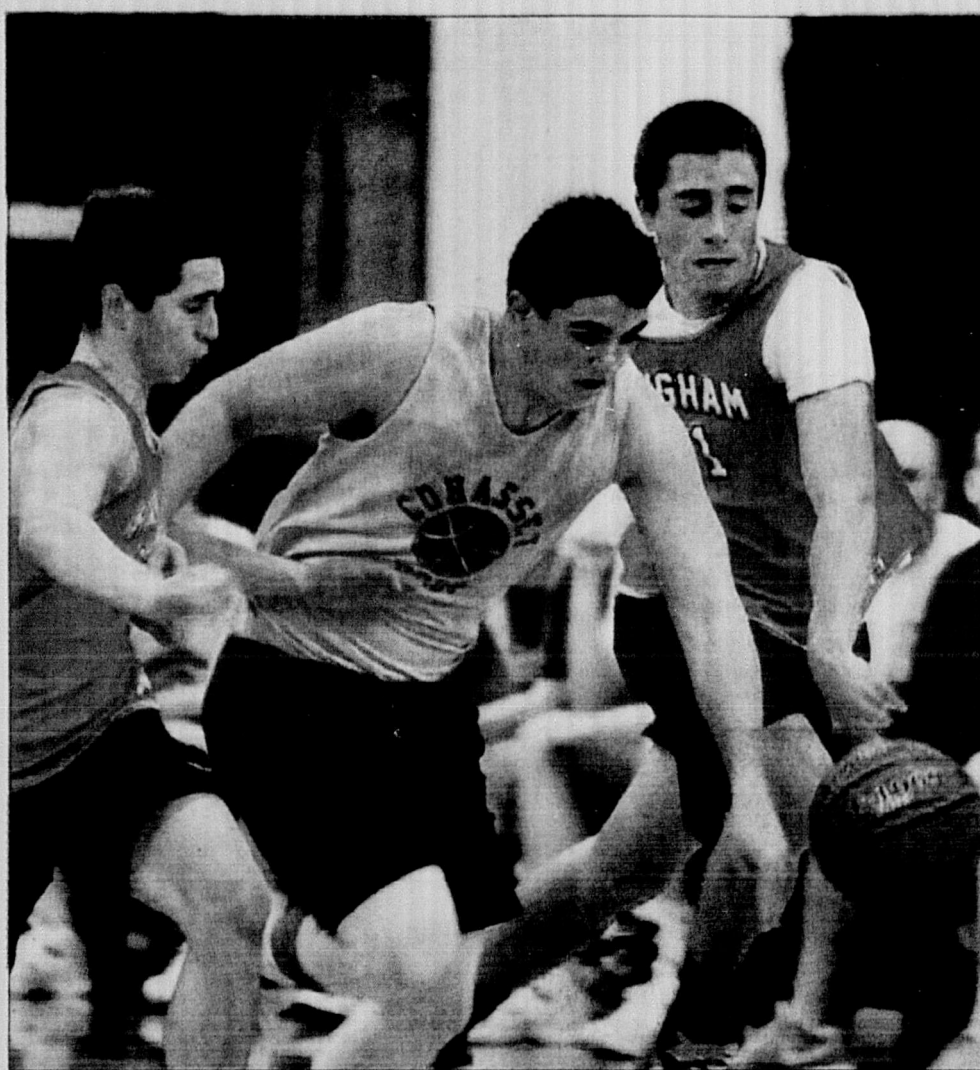
of starters.

"We lost four starting seniors and a sixth man," Ruggiero said. "We don't have a lot of returning starters in the way we have in the past. We have guys who have been on the varsity, but haven't played much at the varsity level. Most were practice and JV players as juniors. They'll have to step up and see if they can play at 6:30. It's a different game. There's more speed, skill and higher intensity level."

Part of the reason Ruggiero doesn't know what to expect is the fact that there wasn't that core of players who played competitively during the summer, where there can be growth for upcoming players.

"Guys are older, but I'm not sure if they're a year better," he said. "The team we have now is energetic and they're working hard. I haven't lowered

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Cohasset's Ale Norton leads a break during a weekend scrimmage against Hingham. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

FOOTBALL



A trio of Hull defenders try to bring down Cohasset's Chris Norton Thanksgiving Day at Hull High School. Cohasset won 26-6. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

One last look

Afanasiw reflects on excellent fall

By William Wassersug
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There may not have been a Super Bowl in the picture for the Cohasset football team

this fall, but after taking a bit of time after the season finished on Thanksgiving Day, Cohasset coach Pete Afanasiw could look back on what truly was another excellent season for the Skippers.

"Reflecting on the season

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Young and talented

Hoopsters a combination of youth and talent

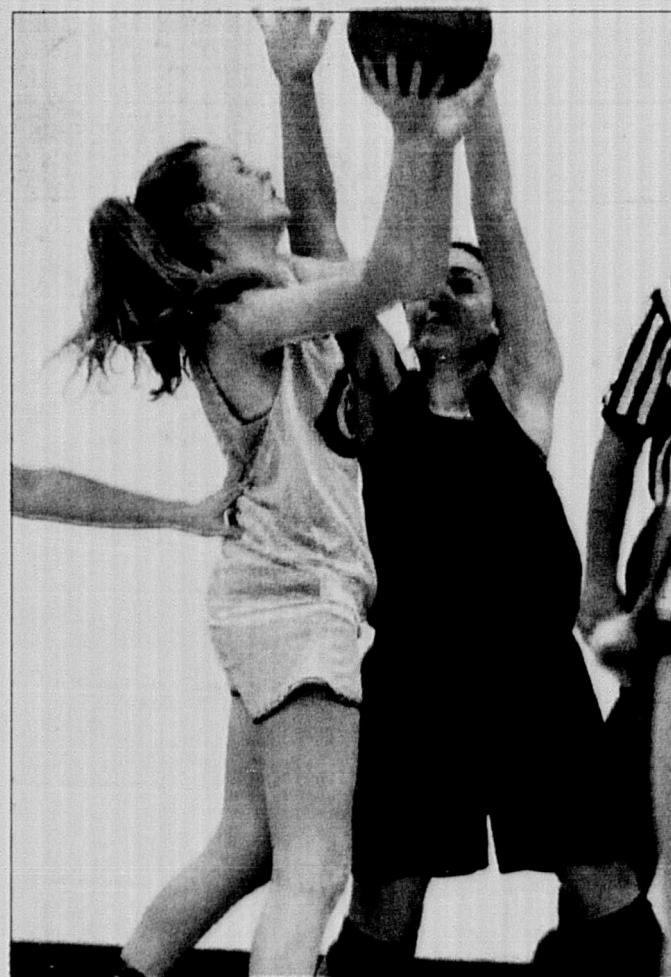
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If anyone has to guess how well the Cohasset High School girls basketball team will fare this season, there is a big question mark.

A year ago, Cohasset finished 13-8 and lost to Cathedral in the first round of the MIAA Division 4 South Sectional Tournament on a team that focused on defense.

The reason is simple - youth.

This year's team doesn't have a lot of experience, although there is definitely



Cohasset's M.C. Crumley goes up for a shot during a scrimmage against Arlington Catholic over the weekend. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

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FIELD HOCKEY

Parents face off

Youth Field Hockey Club parents face High School parents

The Cohasset Mariner

The Cohasset Field Hockey Organization held its first annual Parents Field Hockey Game Thanksgiving Weekend.

The cold rainy day didn't interfere with the fun that ran amuck, the hilarity of the game kept all the fans thoroughly entertained (parents had to dust off their skills from years ago) and a great appreciation for the girls who play and what

great condition they are in.

It all started with a challenge from the parents of the Field Hockey Club- Grades 4-8 to the parents of the High School team to a Challenge game.

The intent was to have some fun and have the first fundraiser for the girls team.

Despite the weather, many parents participated along with some of our beloved seniors and graduates (thankfully they were there to keep the ball in a forward motion) along with several of our coaches (a bit rusty but were able to stop a few balls).

The coaching staff of each



Parents playing in the first annual Parents Field Hockey Game Thanksgiving Weekend at Cohasset High School get together for a photo. COURTESY PHOTOS

team was provided by the High School Varsity team and was quite entertaining

to watch from the sidelines. Spectators were not too sure which was more

entertaining to watch- the coaches or the players but the end result was a 1-1 tie.

A great time was had by all and look forward to next Thanksgiving.



The Red Team represents the moms of the middle school field hockey club.



The Red and Black teams take a moment for a photo during the first annual Parents Field Hockey Game Thanksgiving Weekend.



Parents and players on the Middle School Field Hockey Club (4th-8th grade).

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offensive effort will also be helped by the return of junior Michael McKelvey, who returns to the ice after a two-year absence.

"It's a great year to be a forward in the Cohasset hockey program," Mahoney said. "There is no shortage of opportunities and we will need players to step up."

Mahoney said the key to success is fundamental play. "As always, our focus as a

team will be to play sound positional hockey and use our speed to our advantage at both ends of the ice," he said. "We have some outstanding skaters and need to exploit that advantage to create problems for opposing teams."

YOUTH FOOTBALL



The SciCoh Sharks second and third grade team poses for a photo after winning the Super Bowl over Hingham. Courtesy Photo

Super season complete

SciCoh Grade 2 and 3 Mite 5 wins Super Bowl

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A year ago, the SciCoh Grade 2 and 3 Mite 5 football team had a great season that ended with a loss to Hanover in the Old Colony Youth Football League Super Bowl.

The loss was a tough one, and a number of players on that team were part of that game.

This year, the loss turned into motivation for the players on that team.

Many of those second graders didn't like the feeling of losing and made sure it didn't happen again.

The sparked the Sharks to step up this year, and fought their way back to the Super Bowl, where they beat Hingham 14-12 to claim the title.

"There are a core of kids who played last year," coach Ken Kelly said. "Last year they lost to Hanover. I think they were just happy to be there. This year they were on a mission. They wanted to get better every week."

The team went into the game feeling pretty good.

"They came into the game excited, but focused," Kelly said. "This was a very solid group of athletic players. They are also team oriented leaders."

Kelly was impressed with the kids.

"There was a group of

"They came into the game excited, but focused. This was a very solid group of athletic players. They are also team oriented leaders."

— Ken Kelly, coach

kids who were back that contributed a lot the year before," he said. "That doesn't always happen. Second graders don't always have the emotional and physical development to succeed in football. This really is a special group."

SciCoh didn't start the season on best note.

"We lost the first game to Bridgewater in mid-October," Kelly said. "That was the last time we lost this year."

That led to a dramatic finish. The final regular season game was a rematch against Bridgewater at Bridgewater.

"Going into that final game, Bridgewater was in first place, we were in second," Kelly said. "They knew they had to play their best, and they did. That earned them a first seed in the playoffs. That gave them some extra confidence."

SciCoh relied on a strong running game from George Kelly.

"George scored a lot of touchdowns around then end," Kelly said. "He also played strong defense."

Kelly said Joey Burke was

solid.

"Joey Burke was a great open-field tackler from the corner," Kelly said. "Carter Carroll was a strong blocker on the line."

Roman Glowac did a great job as quarterback and Lawson Foley played well at both linebacker and on the offensive line."

SciCoh finished the regular season with a 5-1-1 record and improved to 7-1-1 through the playoffs.

Coaches were Kelly, Guy Daniello, Jason Foley, Todd Glowac, Stuart Ivimey, Bob Manning, Mike Murphy and John Rehm.

Team moms were Laurie Kelly and Marissa Glowac.

Varsity players were Carson Arevian, Joey Burke, Christopher Caparella, Carter Carroll, Michael Chatterton, Braden Danehey, Cole Daniello, Jonathan Donovan, Nolan Flaherty, Roman Glowac, William Henle, Matthew Ivimey, George Kelly, Ian Kondrat, Chris Lagos, Tommy Lynch, Ronan Manning, Rakeem McCarthy, Luke Moore, Finn Murphy, Jett Rehm, Parker Shaw, Grady Spinale and MJ Toth.

Players who played both varsity and JV were: Sean Basler, Caleb Bergers, Christian Bunge, Sean Burns, Loukas Collins, Topher Comerford, Grayson Corbett, Jack Dalicandro, Conor Greaney, David Greaney, Eamon Haley, William Hartwell, Daniel Lengen and Amari Mendes.

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FOOTBALL

Gridiron Club awards

By Pete Afanasiv
Cohasset HS Football Coach

Sunday, Dec. 6, the Cohasset High School 2015 Football team held their breakup banquet at the Atlantica Restaurant, sponsored by the Cohasset Gridiron Club. This annual tradition brings teammates and their families together one last time to enjoy a delicious brunch and recognize the players of all grades for their achievements this season.

This year's squad finished with a 9-2 record and a third consecutive South Shore League Championship. The graduating seniors ended their three-year varsity careers with the following credentials:

Three South Shore League Championships, 2013 Massachusetts Super Bowl finalist, 2014 Division 6 State Championship.

The seniors finished with a combined record of 31-6 over their careers. Pretty special!

The 2015 Award winners are: Sci-Coh Award - M ax Fitzgerald; Clark Chatterton Award - Bobby Driscoll; Unsung Hero - Henry Butenschoen; Most Improved Player - Cole Sullivan; Hustle and Desire Award - Sean

Mavilia; Coaches Award - Christian Hanke; Best Offensive Lineman - Bobby Driscoll, Max Fitzgerald and Sean Mavilia; Best Defensive Lineman - Alex Norton; Offensive MVP - Chris Norton; Defensive MVP - Jack Osten; Team MVP - Jack Donohue;

Thanksgiving Game MVP - Dan Axelsson and Ray Tolosko.

The community is very proud of this year's seniors and the entire program. We especially wish Alex Norton (Middlebury College), Jack Donohue (Tufts University) and Henry Butenschoen (Occidental University or TBA) and Cole Sullivan (Mass. Maritime) good luck as they continue their playing careers post-Cohasset.

They will join Cohasset alums, Dana Valentine (Worcester State), Kyrel Juandoo (St. Anselms), Shane Haggerty (Mass. Maritime), Chris Haggerty (Mass. Maritime) and Brett Dooley (The Gunnery) who have continued their football playing careers upon graduating from CHS.

Happy Holidays to all from the 2015 Cohasset Skippers.

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talent and a few experienced leaders.

"We're young," Cohasset coach John LeVangie said. "We have nine sophomores and freshmen. They're working real hard. We have some talented kids. Now they just have to step up from JV to varsity. It will be a learning experience."

The team will be led by senior captains Meg Rosano, Emily Rosano and Tracy Fogarty.

"Our captains are working real hard for me," LeVangie said. "They're a great group. Great leaders."

Both Meg and Emily are coming off an outstanding soccer season where the team went all the way to the South Sectional Final.

Other players who had big fall sports seasons were freshman Zoe Doherty, who led the Skipper soccer team in scoring, and Elle Hansen, who had a fantastic season with the field hockey team.

Both Doherty and Hansen are guards.

"Elle Hansen will be a starting guard," LeVangie said. "Zoe is also a starting

guard. They're both excellent athletes and receptive to teaching. They'll work hard. They're young, but have all been on winning teams. They're used to winning. They'll be OK."

On the whole, LeVangie likes what he has to work with.

"There's great leadership," he said. "They're very mature. This group has a great work ethic. They all get along very well. They're athletic. The big thing to learn is the speed of the game. It will take time."

Junior Charlotte Morrison is expected to help, and sophomore MC Crumley returns.

Other sophomores on the team are Kate Fitzpatrick, Aidan Chamberlain, Haley Chenette, Lauren Cuning, Kate Quigley and Kylie Crough.

Freshman Laney Holbrook rounds out the roster.

For the season, Cohasset plans to play a fast type of game.

"We want to use the fast break," LeVangie said. "Defensively we always want to press. We're not the biggest team, but for our league we'll be OK."

Cohasset opens against Holbrook December 11.

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my expectations at all, but this is the least experienced team in a while."

The biggest strength this season is expected to be six-foot-two, 215 pound senior Alex Norton.

Coming off a successful football season, Norton is a four-year varsity player and only returning starter from last year.

"As a sophomore and freshman he played on the JV," Ruggiero said. "Last year he answered the bell and became a South Shore League All-Star. He was tied with Harrison Martin for the team scoring lead with 16 points-per game. He'll be depended on as a focal point. He's a forward/center who scores inside, a big body who likes to score. He has a tremendous upside for his senior year."

Sophomore Chase Bomeisler is another big-man who is expected to help.

"Chase was on the varsity last year," Ruggiero said. "With injuries to seniors, he was called on early and often. He was a sixth-man. He's six-foot-six and 200 pounds. He's one of the hardest working big players I've had. He has a terrific attitude and really works hard."

Ruggiero said Bomeisler has the work ethic and attitude to be very successful.

"Chase is only a sophomore and is one of the biggest bodies in the area," Ruggiero said. "He's very teachable and works hard to make himself better."

It isn't always easy, especially for a big young kid. He's very impressive."

Senior J.P. Adams is poised for a strong year.

"He's six-foot-three now and has been impressive in the pre-season," Ruggiero said of Adams. "The only downside is that he has no varsity game experience. He's stepping up to a new level."

Giving some depth to the front court is senior Nick Rosen.

"Nick Rosen will be a capable backup to Alex and Chase in the four and five positions," Ruggiero said. "He'll be heavily relied on. We don't have a great deal of depth. Nick has been a varsity letterman and strong practice player, but this is his first time at 6:30."

Another senior who will make the move up is Christian Hanke, a six-foot senior.

"Christian was in the same boat," Ruggiero said. "He played on the JV as a freshman and sophomore, then a practice player with the varsity in his junior year. He had very limited varsity play. We'll see what he brings to the table."

Point guard Liam O'Connell is a five-foot-seven junior who played with the varsity in limited time last year.

"Liam is stronger physically this year," Ruggiero said. "He plays soccer and baseball. He's learning to be competitive."

Sam Lelio is a six-foot-one sophomore who played a bit of varsity ball as a freshman.

"He got a cup of coffee last year," Ruggiero said. "He had a lot of JV experience. I think he's grown four inches since

last year."

Tommy Carrabes is a six-foot sophomore who was a varsity practice player last year.

"Tommy will be called on to man the front court," Ruggiero said. "As a freshman, he played all JV. He's got a lot of athletic ability. We'll see how he performs."

Ruggiero said he's got another player who could contribute.

"Thatcher Stone is a six-foot-one freshman who is also in the mix," Ruggiero said. "He's a basketball player. He hasn't been able to practice basketball the last two weeks because of an injury in the preseason. He's able to run and play defense in practice, but he can't touch the ball yet. He is a player to watch as his career winds on."

Max Davis joined the varsity late last season during his freshman year.

"Max Davis is a six-foot-one sophomore who can run like a gazelle," Ruggiero said. "He has good athletic ability. He just needs to continue to learn basketball."

Ruggiero said that of 10 players who might get varsity playing time this season will take that floor for the first time.

Ruggiero, who was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in August (he's already in the Mass. Coaches Association Hall of Fame), still has the energy and excitement about the new season as he did when he was just starting out. He expects his players will bring that same attitude.

"When you play for me the expectation is to bring a

level of effort, excitement and energy to the game," he said. "If the seniors don't have that experience, they do bring that energy, enthusiasm and effort. I have no doubt that we'll be competitive. How competitive depends on the opposition. For this season I have adjusted our non-league schedule. It's been upgraded considerably. In February we will be playing in an Invitational Tournament at Mansfield High School. Mansfield is the defending Division 1 State Champion out of the Hockomock League. Also in the tournament will be Foxboro (where Ruggiero coached for several very successful seasons), Division 1 Weymouth and Division 2 Dighton-Rehoboth."

Ruggiero has also added games with Falmouth, Southeast Regional (Division 4 South Sectional Finalist) and South Shore Vocational, a team that finished 15-5 two years in a row.

The conference is no cakewalk either.

"On the big-school side we play Norwell, Abington, East Bridgewater and Randolph," Ruggiero said. "On our side we have Monomoy, Mashpee, Carver and Hull twice. I think our division is up for grabs. Anyone can finish first or last."

The Skippers open play Dec. 18 at Carver.

"We're getting ready for Carver," Ruggiero said. "They upset us last year for the first time in years. I hope the kids who were there last year remember that. It is something we don't want to happen again."

The home opener is Dec. 23 against Abington.

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as a whole, it was a great season," Afanasiv said. "The team, week in and week out stepped up to every challenge they faced and never showed any signs of quitting despite losing key players to injury, and in doing so, were able to secure a third consecutive league title, nail down the No. 1 seed and come within a game or two of getting back to Gillette. That was quite amazing. The boys should be extremely proud of they manner in which they conducted themselves and the results they achieved."

The good feeling and overall success began early for the Skippers. It was a bit of an eye-opener.

"From the entire team perspective, I feel that our opening win against Scituate (a 16-0 shutout over the Division 2 team that finished 6-5) was a huge confidence builder for us, as we had graduated so many key players from the defensive side the previous

year," Afanasiv said. "We as coaches were very interested to see what kind of defense was going to show up when it counted. The boys really got off to a great start and carried that momentum and hard hitting play throughout the season."

Afanasiv was extremely happy with his senior class.

"This senior class is really special," Afanasiv said. "Not only are they tremendous football players (31-6 career varsity record) but they are good role models and excellent teammates. They collectively worked hard in the weight room, the classroom and on the field, but I think their most lasting impression on the younger players on the team is their friendship. They all are just so comfortable with each other, supportive of one another, and have unbelievable character."

The experience the Skippers gained this season, especially from the younger players, could be a huge benefit for next year.

"Looking ahead, even

though next year's senior class is not big in numbers, they all will be relied upon to play vital roles," Afanasiv said. "Xander Schubert benefited from a lot of quality playing time when Danny Axelsson went down, Liam Lynch will be a three-year starter, Thomas Durkin gained a lot of playing time this year on both sides of the ball, Conor Curran has worked his tail off and has fought through several injuries to really open the coaches' eyes, giving us some experience at the receiver position, Liam Prescott will be our lone returning offensive lineman, and he will be leaned on to help gel the younger kids into a cohesive unit on the fly. Vincenzo Kulturides and Yvan Watson gained a lot of experience on the defensive side of the ball, and should help stabilize the defensive line. A good number of players missed time because of injury and numerous sophomores (to-be-juniors) gained valuable experience and should help us contend for a fourth straight league title."

Without a Super Bowl to

worry about this year, the team was able to focus on and really enjoy this year's Thanksgiving Day game.

"Yes, the boys had a ton of fun on Thanksgiving," Afanasiv said when asked about the mood going into Turkey Day. "In a way it was a nice way to end the year. No pressure, just go out and play the game the right way, and boy did they. They did not play their best against Blue Hills, and to see them come out and execute and hit the way they did against Hull was rewarding, because that was the team that we came to appreciate game after game for the past three years."

Afanasiv will start a new phase in his life - Dad - after resigning from coaching the baseball team after last spring.

"As of Thanksgiving I am a full-time dad again," Afanasiv said. "I'll be coaching second grade girls basketball this winter, and both tee-ball and softball in the spring. So the 'free time' you ask of is really a myth, but I wouldn't trade it for all the tea in China."

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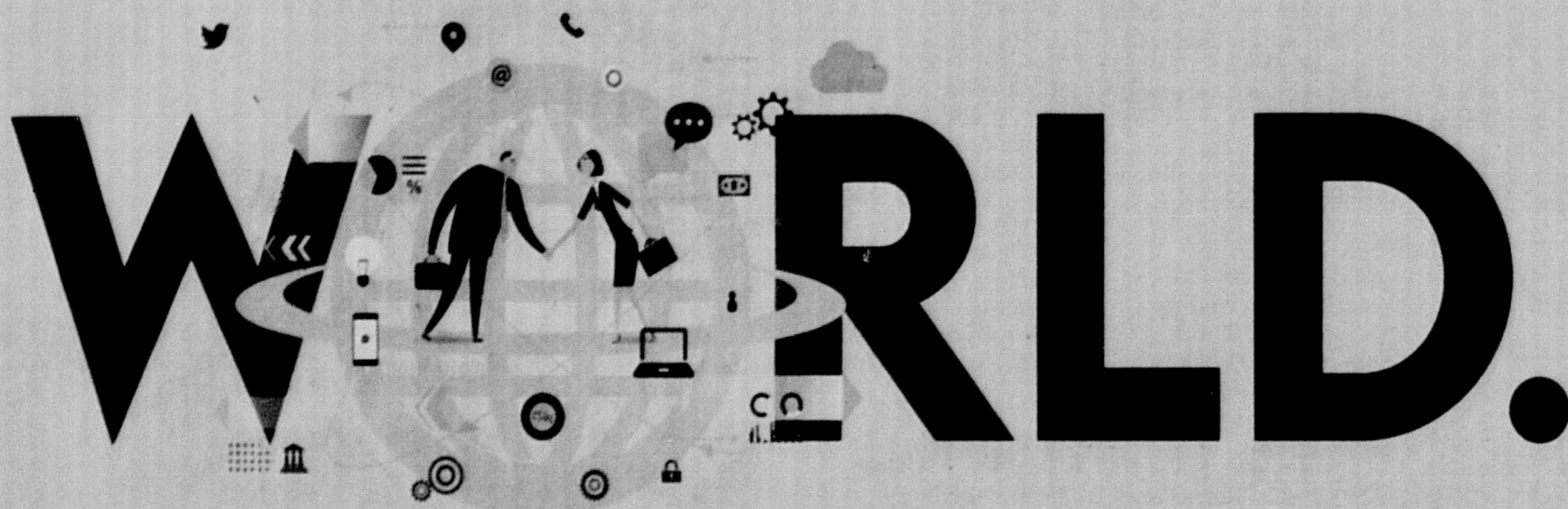
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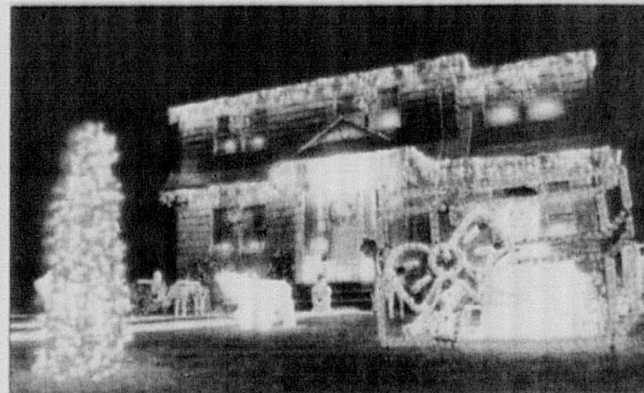
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LIBRARY



Kylie Newman reads to Sophie who was sporting a scarf and a big smile. COURTESY PHOTOS

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Share photos of your holiday decorations

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Photograph your festive light displays, trimmed trees, Nativity scenes, menorahs and more, and email them to cohasset@wickedlocal.com. Please include a caption telling us where the display is and identifying any people in the photos. We will publish some photos in the newspaper and all online.

Third-graders read to 'best' friends

The Cohasset Working Dog Foundation presented a first-ever 4-Dog Reading Partner event at the Paul Pratt Library on Nov. 20th.

Mrs. Clark's 3rd grade from Deer Hill School

walked to the library from the school in the afternoon and were met by four of our Reading Partner therapy dogs. In addition to "Sophie", who is a regular at the library on alternate Tuesday afternoons, the children each

had an opportunity to read to "Missy", a Maltese; "Bailey", a Golden Retriever and "Maggie" a Bernese Mountain Dog.

All four dogs and their handlers are graduates of the Dog B.O.N.E.S Therapy Dog program. This is

just one of several ongoing programs supported by the Cohasset Working Dog Foundation.

Special thanks to Mrs. Moody and all of the volunteer handlers for helping to make it all happen!



Carter Carroll reads to Missy.



Ashley Hill reading to Sophie.



Maggie Owens gets a big kiss from Maggie, who shares her name.



From left: Heather Reardon and "Missy", Mara Stefan with "Sophie", Sue Parnell and "Maggie" and Sarah Murphy with "Bailey."



Conrad Babka, Lewis MacFarland, Topher Comerford, Kyng Williams, and Will Roberts read to Bailey.



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GIMME SHELTER



While Butter isn't a bully, he has made it very clear to the other felines that he prefers to be left alone. COURTESY PHOTO

Butter is a king among cats

By Tammy Hatch

Meet Butter, a sweet 2-year-old buff orange tiger with bright golden eyes and a handsome face you cannot help but notice. Add to that his awesome polydactyl (extra toed) front paws, his well kempt marmalade pattern fur coat and the poise of a lion king and you're nothing short of love-struck for this truly wonderful boy.

Stories of abandonment are never easy to tell. The upside to Butter's sad story is that he was found and taken in by a caring family. With so many shelters at capacity this time of year, it was several weeks before Butter's temporary caregivers were able to find one who could accommodate him. Butter has been through a lot in a short period of time and understandably has his guard up.

He is very responsive to human visitors and enjoys getting chin rubs and head scratches, but he's

not at all keen with roommates who are anxious to get to know him better and keep trying to engage him in play. While Butter isn't a bully, he has made it very clear to the other felines that he prefers to be left alone. What this gentle and affectionate boy needs is a calm and loving home where he is deservedly able to feel safe and loved, and know what it is to relax and be at peace while reigning over his kingdom. Won't you come meet this truly special boy!

You can learn more about Butter and the other cats and kittens we have available for adoption by visiting us online at www.hsar.org or by visiting us at our new location, 487 Nantasket Ave Hull. Open hours are Monday nights, 6:30-7:30, and Saturdays, 2-3 p.m. If these times are not convenient for you, special appointments can be made by calling our adoption coordinator, Judy, 781-534-4902.

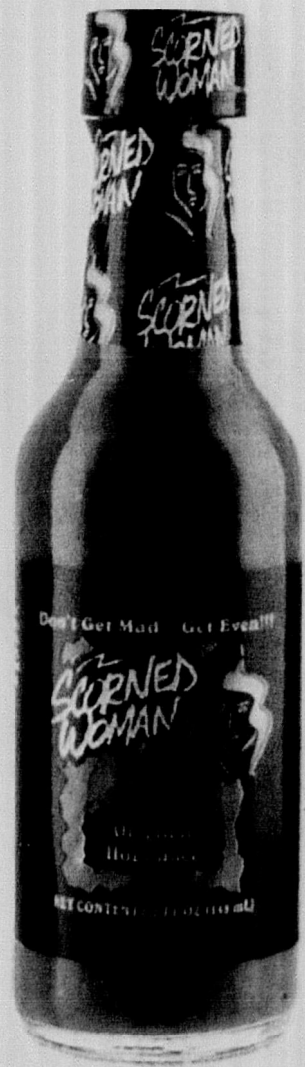
Calendars

The 2016 Kittendale calendars are here! This year we are very excited to feature an American pop star and two athletes. Check these impressively handsome guys out! Kittendales can be purchased on-line at www.hsar.org and are also available for purchase at Toast Restaurant in Hull and at the shelter. The cost is \$20. All of the money raised from calendar sales is used to rescue, care for and place homeless cats in forever homes.

CatMobile

The CatMobile will be at the shelter on Saturday, Dec. 19th. If you'd like to reserve a spot to spay or neuter your cat, please call Scott Morrisette, shelter manager, at 781-925-3121 or email us at hsar@verizon.net. The cost is \$100.

—Tammy Hatch is a Volunteer and Board Member at Hull Seaside Animal Rescue.



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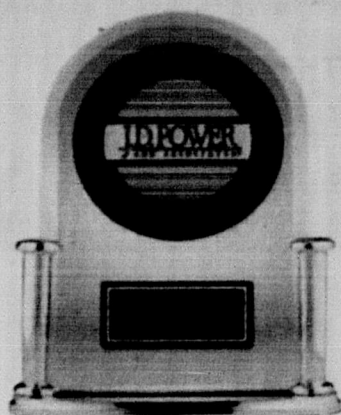
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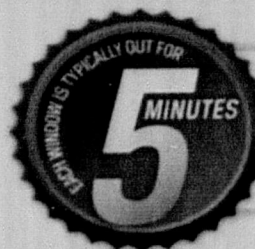
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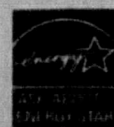


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NORFOLK COUNTY

November real estate activity

Norfolk County Registrar of Deeds William P. O'Donnell recently reported increased property sales and mortgage activity for the month of November, but also noted that some statistics were driven by dramatic swings in average real estate price and mortgage indebtedness due to several major commercial sales across the county.

"The month of November saw a solid 14 percent increase in the number of land documents recorded compared to the same period in 2014," said O'Donnell. "In addition, the total number of deeds recorded increased 15 percent. 1,395 deeds were recorded in November compared to 1,208 in November 2014. This is an indication that the market in Norfolk County remains quite robust as we head to the end of the calendar year."

While the number of real estate transactions increased, the total volume of commercial and residential sales in Norfolk County fell 32 percent coming in at \$644 million. Also, the average sale price of commercial and residential property fell 41 percent to \$750,673.

"A valid question is how we can have solid increases in transaction numbers, but at the same time show significant decreases in total volume and average sale price. The primary answer was a property transaction that took place in Weymouth in November 2014, the sale of the Fore River Energy Center for \$265 million," said O'Donnell.

The mortgage market for the month of November 2015 showed both increases in recordings and a significant increase in total mortgage indebtedness. "The total number of mortgages recorded in November rose 11 percent to 2,325 compared to the same time in 2014. This tells us that a combination of low interest rates and a strong economy in eastern Massachusetts are resulting in consumers willing to borrow money to pay for critical expenditures such as housing and education costs," noted O'Donnell.

November 2015 also saw an enormous 196 percent increase in total mortgage indebtedness coming in at approximately \$2.38 billion.

"This increase is explained by 3 separate \$550 million commercial mortgages that were recorded against property in Weymouth, Walpole and Plainville," said O'Donnell.

In November, Homestead recordings increased by 11 percent.

"A Homestead provides limited protection against the forced sale of an individual's primary residence to satisfy unsecured debt up to \$500,000. Details on the Homestead Act can be found on our website, www.norfolkdeeds.org. I urge homeowners to consider this vital protection," said O'Donnell.

A total of 24 foreclosure deeds were recorded last month compared to 15 filings in November 2014, a 60 percent increase.

"Lending institutions continue to work at clearing a backlog of mortgages stemming from the economic 2008 downturn," said O'Donnell. "More troubling is the increase in Notice to Foreclose Mortgage, the first step in the foreclosure process. A total of 86 Notice to Foreclose Mortgage recordings were filed in November compared to 63 in November 2014. This is a clear indication that while our economy is strong, many people continue to face economic challenges."

For information: 781-46101; norfolkdeeds.org.

BRIDGES BY EPOCH

Support for dementia caregivers

'New Year, New You' at Bridges: Bridges by EPOCH Memory Care Assisted Living at Hingham will host the educational presentation, "New Year, New You," on Monday, Dec. 21 at 6 p.m. The session will discuss how to set goals for yourself and for caregiving in the new year. This event is free and open to the public but space is limited.

Support group for early onset dementia: Bridges

by EPOCH at Hingham will host its monthly support group for people with early-onset dementia on Wednesday, Dec. 30 at 5 p.m. Dealing with a diagnosis of early onset Alzheimer's can bring grief, fear and worry for the future. Share your story and concerns with those who are facing similar challenges at a support group co-facilitated by a specially trained member of the Bridges' team and a

resident's family member. Spouses and loved ones are also welcome to attend. A light dinner will be served.

Spousal support group for dementia caregivers: Bridges by EPOCH Memory Care Assisted Living at Hingham will host its monthly spousal support group for dementia caregivers on Wednesday, Dec. 30 at 5 p.m. Taking care of a loved one with

memory challenges is difficult. Caregivers are invited to address these difficulties at a support group led by a specially trained member of the Bridges' team. Caregivers are welcome to bring their spouse to enjoy a delicious meal and receive the attention of caring staff. The spousal support group is free and meets every fourth Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m.

Caregivers are welcome to enjoy a delicious meal while they share their caregiving story and hear from others facing similar experiences.

For more information or to RSVP, call 781-749-7114 or visit bridgesbyp Epoch.com. Bridges by EPOCH at Hingham is located at 1 Sgt. William B. Terry Drive.

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COHASSET POLICE/FIRE LOG

The following are excerpts from the Cohasset police log. The log is public record and available for review.

Monday, Nov. 30

12:54 a.m. A suspicious vehicle was reported on South Main Street. Security at Red Lion Inn reported a motor vehicle sitting at the gas station for over an hour with its lights on. Motor vehicle was parked and locked up. A message was left on the owner's phone.

9:56 a.m. Right at Cohasset/Hingham line on Chief Justice Cushing Highway an SUV-type car on side of road smoking. Broken radiator hose, no fire. Owner to call for private tow.

12:17 p.m. Suspicious activity was reported on Chief Justice Cushing Highway by Stop & Shop gas station. A caller heard five gunshots in the woods. Officers found nothing in the area.

Tuesday, Dec. 1

9:05 a.m. Officer on traffic patrol in vicinity of 142 Forest Avenue.

9:09 a.m. A traffic hazard was reported on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. A caller reported a Home Depot truck heading into Cohasset with planks flying out of it.

9:56 a.m. Parking enforcement on Hill Street.

11:04 a.m. A fire inspection was reported on Forest Avenue.

11:18 a.m. Officer on traffic patrol, vicinity of 422 King St.

2:51 p.m. A motor vehicle accident was reported on North Main Street. A caller reported an accident before the train station. A vehicle was found about 10 feet off the road. Vehicle was towed and a report was filed.

7:18 p.m. Red truck disabled on Chief Justice



TRAFFIC SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK: Winter weather is coming. Reduce speed when ice may be on the road. Speed limits are the maximum for ideal road conditions. If you begin to skid on ice, don't panic, don't slam on the brakes (this will cause you to lose control), let off the gas and steer in the direction you want the car to go in. COURTESY PHOTO

Cushing Highway, south-bound side. AAA on the way, requesting officer for traffic assistance.

officer arrival, neither party showed symptoms. The area was checked for the gas and cleared.

vehicle pulled up while the caller was on the phone but it was too dark to see what kind. Officers responded and secured the area.

activity was reported at Headquarters. A party reported a suspicious letter he received.

breaking things in the neighborhood.

10:57 p.m. An alarm was reported on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. A caller reported interior lights were on with an audible sound coming out of it. Officers responded and found music playing. They did a walk through and secured the building.

Sunday, Dec. 6

4:53 a.m. An alarm was reported on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Officers responded to the alarm and secured the building.

4:46 p.m. An alarm was reported on Bay View Drive.

7:19 p.m. caller reports woman walking in area of Chief Justice Cushing Highway and lower King Street wearing a black and yellow checkered blanket, concerned she may be from Sunrise. Units checked area and talked to Sunrise and Harborview Nursing Center and all residents are accounted for.

Saturday, Dec. 5

10:28 a.m. Larceny was reported on Atlantic Avenue. A caller reported some things stolen overnight.

10:45 a.m. A two-car head-on collision was reported on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Wrecker took both vehicles.

11:51 a.m. MBTA crossing, Pleasant St., caller says train gates down way too long before train came.

2:06 p.m. A disturbance was reported on Pleasant Street. A caller reported a group of kids skateboarding on the stairs.

5:03 p.m. A motor vehicle accident was reported on Beechwood Street and Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

6:27 p.m. Vandalism was reported on Jerusalem Lane. A caller reported an ongoing issue with kids

Friday, Dec. 4

4:31 p.m. A fire alarm was reported on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. An investigation took place.

5:33 p.m. A motor vehicle accident was reported on Chief Justice Cushing Highway near Red Fox Lane. A caller hit a deer in the road. The deer survived the hit.

7:54 p.m. An animal complaint was made on Pond Street by the high school. A caller reported a deer sitting on the side of the road between two driveways.

9:24 p.m. An animal complaint was reported on South Main Street. A beagle wandered away from home. Animal control was notified.

9:35 p.m. An animal complaint was reported on Bates Lane. A caller reported a black and white husky got away.

9:52 p.m. Suspicious

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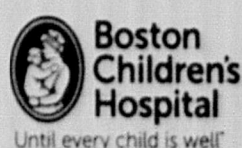


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Fun for families and animal lovers

On Saturday, Dec. 19th from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., the Scituate Animal Shelter invites the community to a holiday open house party at the shelter. There is no charge and animal lovers of all ages are welcome.

There will be holiday crafts for the kids, gifts and treats for sale, plus an

opportunity to meet and greet the shelter's friendly furry residents.

The Scituate Animal Shelter found homes for 383 animals last year and touched the lives of hundreds of others across Massachusetts. In this season of giving back, come learn about all the

happy and heart-warming work the shelter does for animals!

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CONSERVATORY NOTES



South Shore Community Voices, Too! presents a joyful holiday concert Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at One Conservatory Drive. Admission is free. COURTESY PHOTO

'The best job in the world'

By Kari O'Briant

I have had the good fortune to be a part of the South Shore Community Voices choruses for nearly four years — first as an assistant conductor for the group at South Shore Conservatory in Duxbury, alongside Creative Arts Therapy Director Eve Montague, and for the past two years, as co-conductor of South Shore Community Voices, Too! at South Shore Conservatory in Hingham with Emily Browder Melville.

Both conservatory community voices choruses are unique in that they invite individuals with developmental delays to sing in a comfortable, supportive environment with others who similarly share their love of music.

As a music therapist, I feel I have the best job in the world. I get to make music with all kinds of people and see the wide-ranging impact music has on their lives.

For Community Voices and Community Voices, Too!, making music together provides a creative outlet for individuals who might not otherwise have the opportunity. The group's founder, Eve Montague, developed this choral program around the belief that music is the great equalizer

and it should be available to every person.

Since their founding, the choruses have performed on site at South Shore Conservatory as well as various locations in the broader South Shore community. A few years ago, after their moving performance at a recognition event at the Department of Developmental Services of Plymouth, the original Duxbury group was invited to perform at the Massachusetts State House.

In my life I've performed a lot of music in variety of settings, and I have loved it all. But there is something extraordinary about the conservatory community voices family. We're focused. We're silly. We're adventurous. We truly care about each other. And we love music. Our singers come from different towns, different backgrounds, varied age groups; and though some arrive with musical training already under their belt, many do not. All are welcome and integral to our community.

Spend five minutes in the room with one of our choruses and you'll get to witness the joy that singing in this group brings. Sit in on one of our rehearsals and you'll feel so at home you won't want to

leave. Come to our holiday concert and you will feel the strength, inclusiveness, and happiness of our incredible community.

We invite you to hear us perform seasonal favorites such as "Let There Be Peace On Earth," "Chanukah Oh Chanukah," and "The Twelve Days of Christmas," on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m. at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. The concert is free of charge and open to the public. We encourage you to sing along with us. See you there!

To learn more about South Shore Community Voices, Too! and other Creative Arts Therapies programs at South Shore Conservatory, visit: sscmusic.org/creative_arts_therapies.html or check us out on Facebook. SSC Community Voices and SSC Community Voices, Too! are generously underwritten by the Cordelia Family Foundation. This gift allows South Shore Conservatory to offer this special chorus for a nominal amount per semester, removing the financial barrier of entry and making it accessible for all.

— Kari O'Briant, MT-BC is a board-certified music therapist. She has been with South Shore Conservatory since 2011.

THIS WEEKEND



Performances are Dec. 12 at 8 p.m. at the Lutheran House of Prayer, 916 Main St. in Hingham and on Dec. 13 at 4 p.m. at First Parish Church on the town green in Cohasset. COURTESY PHOTO

Christmas in Old New England concert

Christmas in old New England is imagined by many as the quintessential celebration of the holiday complete with snow, sleigh bells, wassail bowls, and a visit from Santa. However, in very old New England there was no Christmas celebration at all and by 1659 a law was passed banning it!

This year the Broad Cove Chorale and the Unicorn Singers, under the direction of Margo Euler, will present Christmas in Old New England: Forbidden and Revived which will offer an

entertaining account of the Puritan effort to suppress the holiday and how our immigrant ancestors helped to revive it. Audiences will sing carols brought to our shores from Europe and the choruses will perform works which have become a part of our holiday traditions, including the music of George Friedrich Handel and Benjamin Britten.

Performances will be offered on Dec. 12 at 8 p.m. at the Lutheran House of Prayer, 916 Main St. in Hingham and on Dec. 13

at 4:00 p.m. at First Parish Church on the town green in Cohasset.

Proceeds from these concerts support the Wellspring Multi-Service Center's Diane Edson Fund which provides direct aid to families in crisis. Regular tickets are \$20. Those who would like to donate an extra amount to Wellspring are invited to pay \$30 as a concert sponsor. Tickets may be purchased by calling Kathy Reardon at 781-749-0162 or writing to kreardon111@comcast.net.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries appearing in this section are paid for and written by families, often through the services of a funeral director.

Hayden Griswold Jr.

MANCHESTER, CT — Hayden Leavenworth Griswold Jr., 93 of Pompano Beach, FL and Chatham, MA, a former resident of Manchester, CT, passed away peacefully after a very brief illness on December 2, 2015 in Florida.

He is survived by his beloved wife Marjorie (Cushman) Griswold after 71 years of marriage. They were childhood sweethearts.

He is also survived by his loving children, Brent Griswold and his wife Carolyn (Rasmussen) Griswold of Manchester as well as his daughter, Diane Tracy (Griswold) Johnston of Cohasset, MA; three grandchildren, Sydney and Chad McConathy and Alexander Johnston; two great-grandchildren, Declan and Hayden McConathy; a brother, Albert Griswold of Peabody, MA. He was predeceased by his brother, James Griswold.

He was born on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1922 in Rocky Hill, CT to Hayden Leavenworth Griswold Sr. and Maude (Homewood) Griswold.

He was a graduate of Manchester High School and the University of Connecticut.

Captain Hayden L. Griswold served as a combat infantry platoon leader responsible for the lives of many men. He was promoted from 2nd Lieutenant to Captain on the battlefield of the Battle of the Bulge at age 21. The average life of a 2nd LT in action in combat was 14 minutes. He proudly referred to himself always as an "Army guy", a G.I. We should all know what those initials stand for.

Hayden served his country and community during and after the war developing his father's engineering company into a major business. He was a popular leader for the local Masonic Temple, Lodge #73 in Manchester, following in his father's role as grand worshipful master. At that time it had the largest lodge membership in Connecticut.

He was an active member of many service organizations, including Kiwanis, Rotary Club, Town engineer for 5 towns and deacon of his church, Center Congregational in Manchester, CT. He was an active promoter for the homeless and battered women's homes.

He loved baseball and football and prior to the war he played semi-pro baseball making it to the nationals. He will be dearly missed by all his family members and friends.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 11:30 AM at the Center Congregational Church, 11 Center Street, Manchester. Burial with military honors will follow in the East Cemetery in Manchester. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Shriner's Childrens Hospital, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104-2396.

The Watkins Funeral Home in Manchester has care of arrangements.

To leave a message for his family please visit www.holmes-watkinsfuneralhomes.com.

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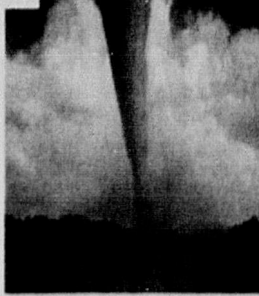
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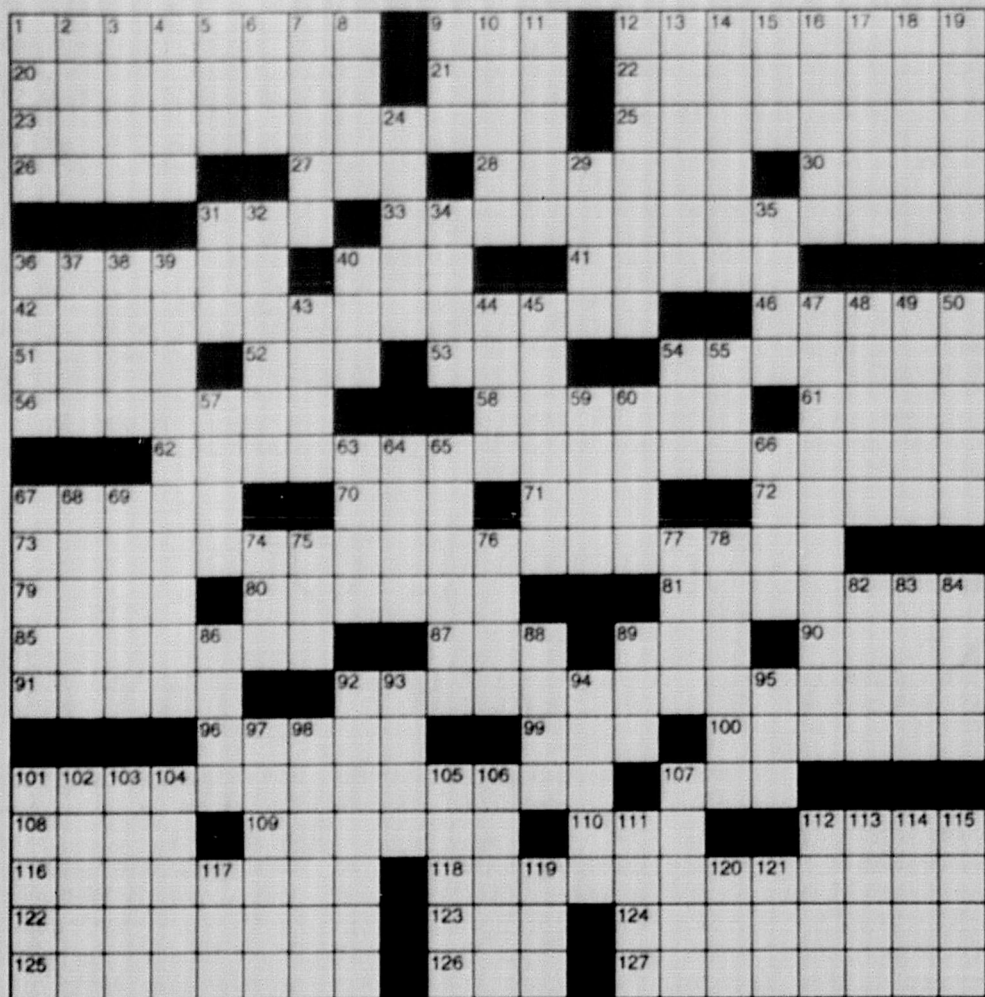
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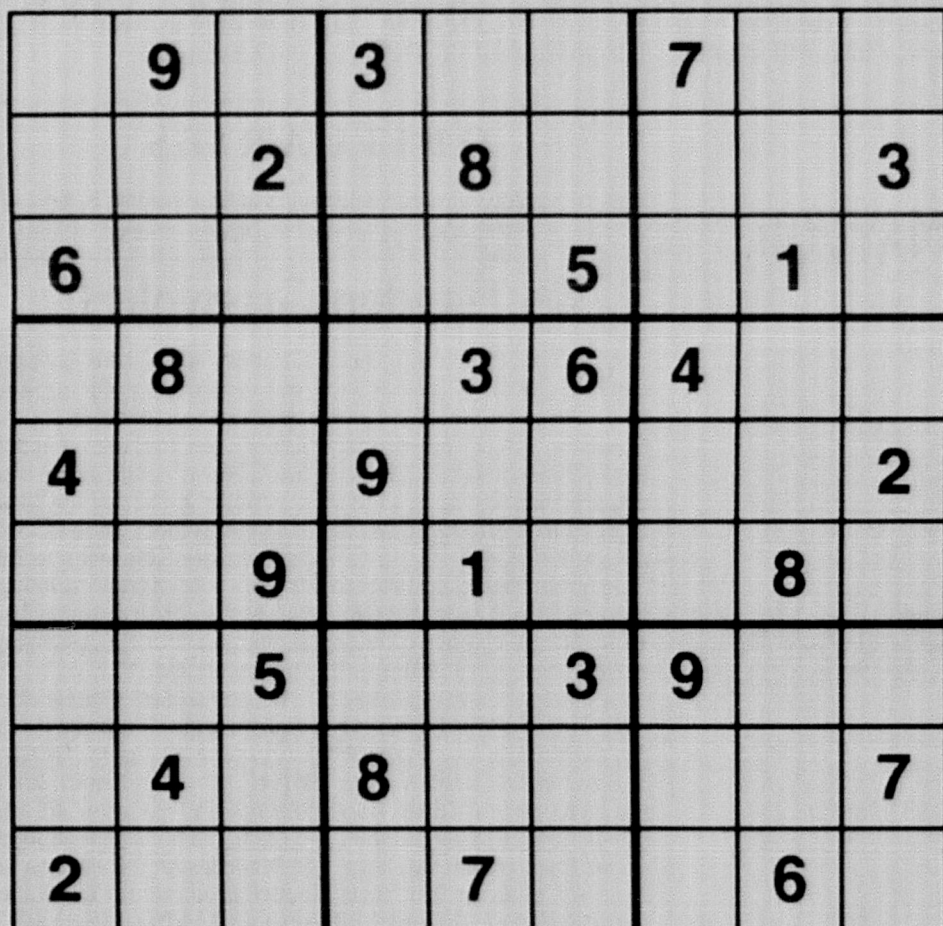
PUZZLES

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101 Members of
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102 Japanese
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soup
103 Beethoven's
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104 Offshoots
105 Yellow fruit
106 Of — (in
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107 Heimsley or
Lewis
111 "There's —
in the air"
112 Citadel
113 Concerning
114 Moose,
e.g.
115 10:1, e.g.
117 "— who?"
119 Stadium cry
120 Here,
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121 Stocking
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Sudoku



Level: Challenging

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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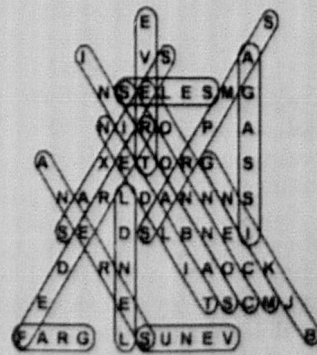
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) At this time you might want to resist that otherwise admirable Aries penchant for getting to the heart of a matter quickly. Keep in mind that a delicate situation calls for patience.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your aspects favor more diplomacy and fewer direct confrontations when dealing with a relationship problem. Avoiding hurt feelings can help in your search for the truth.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Positive aspects are strong this week. Although you might still have to deal with some problems caused by a recent period of turmoil, you are making progress, and that's what counts.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A family matter could benefit from your counsel. But don't come into it unless invited, and don't stay if you feel uneasy. Just remember to reassure one and all that you'll be there for them.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) As the truth about an ongoing situation emerges, you could find that you were right to defer judgment be-

fore you had all the facts. Now would be a good time to move on to other matters.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your plans to take control of a personal situation because you feel you are best qualified could create resentment. Best to hear what everyone else involved in the matter has to say about it.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Uncovering some surprising background facts about that ongoing personal matter could make you reconsider the extent of your involvement. A neutral family member offers advice.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Religious or spiritual themes start to dominate your aspect this week. This can serve as a counterweight to the mounting effects of the season's growing commercialization.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Taking on that recent challenge impressed a lot of important decision-makers. Meanwhile, proceed with your holiday

plans, and don't forget to include you-know-who in them.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Disagreeing with an opinion you can't accept could be dicey, and your motives might be questioned. Best to wait to mount a challenge until you have support for your position.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Getting involved in helping others in this increasingly hectic period not only makes the generous Aquarian feel good, but you could also gain a more substantive benefit from your actions.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The Piscean way of thinking clearly and objectively helps you resolve a complex situation without creating any ill will. Don't be surprised if your counsel is requested on another matter.
BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of persuading people to look at the positive possibilities that make up any choices they might face.

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SOLUTIONS



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CALENDAR

The Broad Cove Chorale and the Unicorn Singers perform two benefit Christmas concerts

WHEN: 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13.

WHERE: Dec. 12 at House of Prayer, 917 Main St., Hingham, Dec. 13 at First Parish Cohasset, 23 North Main St., Cohasset.

INFO: Concerts to benefit the Diane Edson Fund of Wellspring Multi-Service Center. Tickets: \$20 per person and may be ordered by calling 781-749-0162 or visit Le Petite Maison in Hingham Square. Send checks payable to Wellspring Multi-Service Center, c/o Kathy Reardon, 9 Steamboat Lane, Hingham, MA 02043, or call 781-749-0162.



South Shore Art Center Holiday Stroll Open House

WHEN: from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12.

WHERE: 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset

INFO: The event will include holiday music and Make and Take Art Activities for all ages, featuring Origami Ornaments with Weymouth artist Chris Chiba in the Bancroft Gallery. View two exhibitions, with over 200 Small Works by gallery artists (priced for holiday giving) and On the Edge a national juried show featuring artists from across the country, juried by MASS MoCA curator Denise Markonish. Also, 30 minute portraits by gallery artist Dianne Panarelli Miller. Visit ssac.org to book a time slot.



Holiday Pops with the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra

WHEN: 3 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13.

WHERE: Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth.

INFO: Local children's book author and illustrator, Brian Lies, will narrate "The Snowman," a short, animated holiday film set to live orchestral music. The Federal Furnace School Treble Chorus will perform at the three festive holiday concerts, while the annual March of the Toys charity toy drive and jolly guest from the North Pole will round out this special holiday treat. Concert tickets are \$20 to \$65. Group discounts available. See www.plymouthphil.org/plymouth-philharmonic-concert-3.asp or call 508-746-8008 for tickets.



SATURDAY, DEC. 12

Breakfast with Santa hosted by The Hanover Woman's Club, Juniors from 9 to 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Parish Center at 392 Hanover St., Hanover. Admission is \$5 per child or \$3 per child when each donates a new toy. Adults are \$3 and children under 2 will be admitted free. 781-878-9917.

Coastal Printmaker Larry Guilmette Vagaries & Variants Exhibit at James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell. The exhibit runs through Dec. 30.

Medium's Day hosted by the Plymouth Spiritualist Church, 131 Standish Avenue, Plymouth from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The 15-minute readings are by trained and certified mediums for \$25. Light refreshments. Call Reverend Irene Harding after 6 p.m. to schedule a reading: 508-888-6049.

The Nutcracker, presented by South Shore Ballet Theatre, featuring more than 75 dancers, at 1 and 6 p.m. today and tomorrow at Hanover High School, 287 Cedar St., Hanover. Tickets go on sale Nov. 15 at www.tututix.com. See www.southshoreballettheatre.com or call 781-312-7224 for details.

Christmas Designer Show House: designers, decorators, garden clubs have transformed the 1880 Victorian Mansion at the historic Daniel Webster Estate in Marshfield into a Christmas show place. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are sold at the door, \$8 seniors, \$10 adults. 238 Webster St. www.danielwebsterestate.org

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Home for the Holidays with John O'Neil Concert at 2 p.m. at Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. Free and open to the public; no tickets required. Program Room is handicapped accessible. Light refreshments served at a post-concert reception. www.johnoneilatlast.com

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Boston College High School's Dever Players present a musical production of "A Christmas Carol." Performances: Dec. 10, at 4 p.m., Dec. 11 and 12, at 7 p.m. at Bugler Performing Arts Center, 150 Morrissey Blvd. Boston. Adults \$10; students: \$5. For ticket reservations contact: petitbon@bchigh.edu.

Small Paintings Show 2015 Holiday Show at South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham, opens today and runs for five weeks; opening reception tonight from 5 to 7 p.m. Hours are from Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For additional information, call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreet-gallery.com.

Joy! A Soulful Celebration of the Season to be performed at Stetson Hall, 6 South Main St., Randolph by the First Congregational Church Celebration Choir, Randolph, at 7 p.m. 781-963-6373 www.firstuccrandolph.org. Admission free. All are welcome.

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Cheering Duxbury: A Holiday Celebration of Antique Sports Christmas at King Caesar, an annual event supporting the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society, King Caesar House, 120 King Caesar Road, Duxbury. Public Tours, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Adults \$12, students/seniors \$8, Children under 6 free. Your admission supports DRHS educational activities.

It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play will be performed by Americana Theatre Company at Plymouth Center for the Arts, 11 North St., Plymouth. Tickets are \$25 for general admission. Performances are at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 and 12 and at 2 p.m. Dec. 13. The production is recommended for ages 8 and up. For tickets or more information, visit www.americanatheatre.org, or call 508-591-0282.

A Christmas Carol presented by Massasoit Theatre Company, The Community Theatre at The Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, One Massasoit Blvd. (off Rte. 27) Brockton. Show Dates: Dec. 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. Dec. 13 at 3 p.m. For tickets call 508-588-9100, ext. 1982. Ticket line: 508-427-1234 or mrochetteau@massasoit.mass.edu.

South Shore Dancers Social Ballroom Dance at Norwell Cushing Memorial Center, 673 Main St., Norwell. Monthly social ballroom dance to music by DJ Lestyn Gilmore. Couples, singles, and newcomers welcome. This month's theme is Joyeux Noel. Dress suggestion: Holiday, dressy. Free beginner/intermediate lesson, 7:30 p.m. Continuous dancing from 8 to 11 p.m. Coffee, tea, and light snacks provided. Reservations requested in advance by phone 781-659-4703 or email tickets@southshoredancers.org. Payment at the door.

Michael Sweet, the Voice of Stryper, will perform at 8 p.m. at The Spire Center for Performing Arts, 25 1/2 Court St., Plymouth. Tickets are \$30.50. Visit www.spirecenter.org for details.

Reggae Night with Conscious Raggaie Band at Players Sports Bar & Grille, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland. 781-681-9999, southshoresportsbar.com.

DJ Kevin at Hajjar's, 969 Washington St., Weymouth, 781-340-1870, hajjars.net

Dalton and the Sheriff's Ugly Sweater Party, at The Tinker's Son, 707 Main St., Norwell, 781-561-7361, thetinkerson.com.

Danny Cole at The Snug, 116 North St., Hingham, 9:30 p.m. 781-749-9774, thesnugpub.com

Back In Session at The Great Chow, 497 Bedford St., Route 18, Abington, 781-871-8832, greatchow.com

SUNDAY, DEC. 13

Holiday Local Artisan Fair, from noon to 5 p.m. Sacred Space Holistic Healing, 769 Plain St., Unit D Marshfield. Local vendors selling handmade jewelry, crystals, artwork, and aromatherapy for body, bath and home. Refreshments and free raffles.

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Concert with Les Sampou, an American singer-songwriter and recording artist, from 3 to 4 p.m. at Norwell Public Library, 24 South St., Norwell. Seating is limited. Call the library at 781-659-2015 or register at norwellpubliclibrary.org click on Dec. 13.

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The Jubilate Chorale of Brockton will be performing their annual holiday concert at Christ Congregational Church, 1350 Pleasant St., Brockton at 3 p.m., titled "An English Christmas," the concert will feature John Rutter's "Magnificat" and Bob Chilcott's "Jubilate." For tickets call 508-247-6640 or visit www.jubilatesings.org. General \$20; students/seniors \$15, at the door \$22.

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HOW TO SUBMIT

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under 6 free. Your admission supports DRHS educational activities.

It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play will be performed by Americana Theatre Company at Plymouth Center for the Arts, 11 North St., Plymouth. Tickets are \$25 for general admission. Performances are at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 and 12 and at 2 p.m. Dec. 13. The production is recommended for ages 8 and up. For tickets or more information, visit www.americanatheatre.org, or call 508-591-0282. Center for the Arts is handicap accessible. Public parking is available street side and in public lots in close proximity.

Holiday Music from the Movies concert, South Shore Conservatory faculty members will bring the spirit of the season to life in a concert event featuring music from holiday movies at 4 p.m. at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. CCS concerts feature the talents of the Conservatory's faculty of almost 100 teachers. The series is sponsored in part by Boston Private. Admission to the concert is free. Following the performance, the audience is invited to stay, enjoy free refreshments and visit with the musicians to learn more about them. For more information, visit sscmusic.org or follow on Facebook and Twitter.

Sunday at the opera, see a video recording of "La Fille du Regiment" at 1 p.m. in the Otto Fehlow meeting room at the Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Plymouth. Jim Carroll, opera aficionado, will introduce this musical art form to the audience. Light refreshments will be served during brief intermission. Free with no registration required. 508-830-4250//TTY 508-747-5882 or www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org.

The Nutcracker, presented by South Shore Ballet Theatre, featuring more than 75 dancers, at 1 and 6 p.m. at Hanover High School, 287 Cedar St., Hanover. Tickets go on sale Nov. 15 at www.tututix.com. See www.southshoreballettheatre.com or call 781-312-7224 for details.

Splash of Blues Blues Jam from 4 to 8 p.m. at Players Sports Bar & Grille, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland. 781-681-9999, southshoresportsbar.com

MONDAY, DEC. 14

Blood Drive, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Braintree Town Hall, 1 JFK Memorial Drive, Braintree. To donate download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information.

New Beginnings Singles Support Group, Inc. for newly widowed, separated or divorced adults, meets on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at a new location in the Abington Senior Center at 441 Summer St., Abington. NB is a singles support organization dedicated to healing, growing and learning; not a dating service. Information: visit <http://nbnorwell.org/>, email at info@nbnorwell.org or call 781-499-2659.

TUESDAY, DEC. 15

Ballroom Dancing every Tuesday from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at The Viking Club, 410 Quincy Avenue, Route 53, Braintree. Live bands every week. Singles and couples welcomed. Admission is \$10. Information: 781-784-2678 or 781-335-3171.

South Shore Men of Harmony rehearse every Tuesday at Hingham Community Center, 70 South St., Hingham, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. 781-337-SING (7464).

Open mike with Jackson Wetherbee every Tuesday at The Tinker's Son, 707 Main St., Norwell, 781-561-7361, 9 p.m. thetinkerson.com.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16

Musical Meditations for Advent, first four Wednesdays in December at 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. at United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., Norwell. Karen Harvey, Minister of Music, Piano and organ musicians will provide 30 minutes of music to refresh the spirit and revive the soul. Everyone is welcome to this free program, uccnorwellmusic@gmail.com or 781-659-2887 x16.

The Session at The Tinker's Son, 707 Main St., Norwell, 6 p.m. 781-561-7361, thetinkerson.com.

Winter concert, SSC Community Voices, South Shore Conservatory's adult chorus for individuals with developmental delays, will present its annual winter concert at 7 p.m. at the SSC's Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George St., Duxbury. The chorus will present a variety of seasonal tunes. Free and open to the public. Complimentary reception following the concert. Information: contact Eve Montague, at 781-934-2731 ext. 20, email e.montague@sscmusic.org or visit www.sscmusic.org.

Christmas in Colonial Williamsburg, presented by Virginia Hunt-Burbine, retired teacher and amateur historian from 7 to 8 p.m. at Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. Free and open to the public; no tickets required. Program Room is handicapped accessible. Light refreshments will be served.

SSC Community Voices Too!, South Shore Conservatory's second adult chorus for individuals with developmental delays, will present its annual winter concert at 7:30 p.m. at South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham. Free and open to the public. Complimentary reception following the concert. Information, contact Eve Montague, director of Creative Arts Therapies, at 781-934-2731 ext. 20, or email e.montague@sscmusic.org or visit www.sscmusic.org.

Aldus Collins Band at The Tinker's Son, 707 Main St., Norwell, 9 p.m. 781-561-7361, thetinkerson.com.

THURSDAY, DEC. 17

The Bay Colony Shakespeare Company presents Neil McGarry's one-man performance of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" at Plymouth Center for the Arts, Plymouth, Thursday through Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 5 p.m. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$15 students; appropriate for ages 5+ can be purchased at the door, at baycolonyshakespeare.org, or by calling 866-811-4111. Discounts for groups of 10+ patrons are available as well as for veterans, serving members of the armed forces/emergency services and those working in education by calling 917-670-1184. For more information, visit www.bay-colonyshakespeare.org.

Scott Shetler on sax with Willie Laws followed by open mike with Willie J. Laws Jr. Jammers invited and welcome. Free pizza, at Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, 781-340-1300.

Steve Smith at The Tinker's Son, 707 Main St., Norwell, 8 p.m. 781-561-7361, thetinkerson.com.

Mark T. Small performs at 7 p.m. every Thursday at New World Tavern, 56 Main St., Plymouth, 508-927-4250.

Than Smith & Friends, original blues jam, 7:30 p.m. every Thursday at Shanty Rose Pub, 16 Town Wharf, Plymouth.

FRIDAY, DEC. 18

Messiah Sing, Pilgrim Festival Chorus will present "Celebrate! Messiah and Carol Sing-along" at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of the Pilgrimage, 8 Town Square, Plymouth. PFC Director William B. Richter leads the audience in both carols and the familiar choruses from Part I of Handel's masterpiece, concluding with the "Hallelujah Chorus." Solos selected from Part I will be sung by featured local vocalists. Accompaniment on the church's 55-rank Roche pipe organ will be performed by PFC accompanist/assistant director, Elizabeth Chapman Reilly. Tickets are \$10 for adults and youth ages 12 and up, available at the door. Scores are available to borrow on site, or attendees are welcome to take their own. For more information, visit www.pilgrimfestivalchorus.org, or follow Pilgrim Festival Chorus on Facebook.

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Martin Barre will perform at 8 p.m. at The Spire Center for Performing Arts, 25 1/2 Court St., Plymouth. Tickets are \$35.50. Visit www.spirecenter.org for details.

A Christmas Carol, the Hat Trick Theatre of Plymouth will present the Charles Dickens classic Christmas tale for the whole family, at Kendall Hall, First Parish Church in Town Square, Plymouth. Shows will be at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 18, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 19 and at 4 p.m. Dec. 20. Tickets are \$20 per adult and \$18 per senior or child. For reservations, call 508-747-6856 or 774-454-3575 or email hatttrique@aol.com.

Mission of Blues at Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, 781-340-1300.

The 617 at The Tinker's Son, 707 Main St., Norwell, 8 p.m. 781-561-7361, thetinkerson.com.

Tattoo Cowboy at Players Sports Bar & Grille, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland, 781-681-9999, southshoresportsbar.com

John Kelly at Hajjar's, 969 Washington St., Weymouth, 781-340-1870, hajjars.net

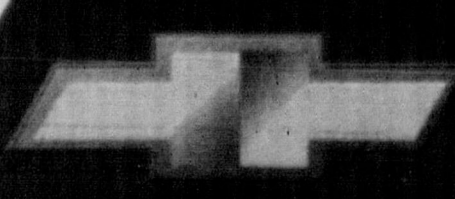
Heavy Metal Show at C-Note, 159 Nantasket Avenue, Hull, 781-925-4300, cnotehull.com.

Matty Kimball at The Snug, 116 North St., Hingham, 9:30 p.m. 781-749-9774, thesnugpub.com

B Side at The Great Chow, 497 Bedford St., Route 18, Abington, 781-871-8832, greatchow.com



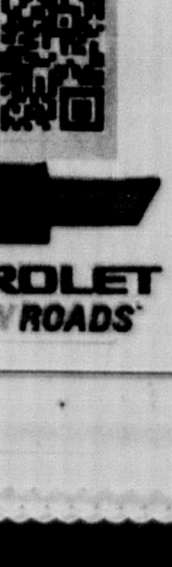
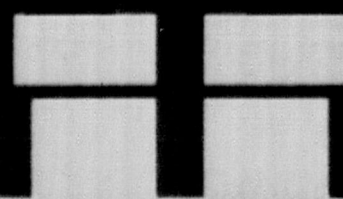
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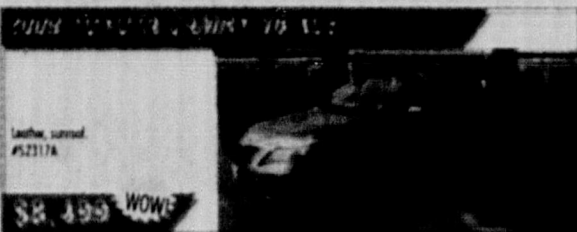
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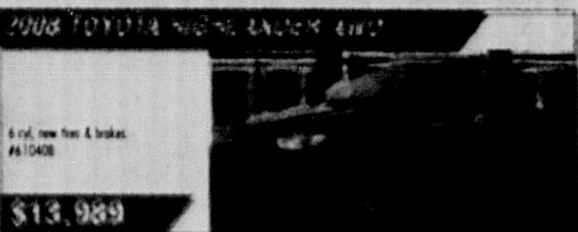


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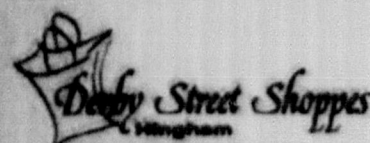
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